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Leaders, let prosperity deepen your empathy

REJI VARGHESE

Current neuroscientific research reveals a troubling link between wealth, power, and declining empathy. UC Berkeley's Greater Good Science Centre has found that people from lower economic backgrounds regularly feel compassion and empathise more with those in need. By contrast, wealthier individuals are more likely to justify greed as acceptable and even beneficial.

Research published in *Psychological Science* showed that power suppresses the brain's empathy mechanisms, fundamentally changing how the wealthy process social information. Brain imaging by Northwestern University revealed that high-status individuals exhibit neural patterns similar to those of patients with damage to their empathy centres.

"Our brains are hardwired for social dominance and reward-seeking—a design that, when paired with increased wealth, makes power-preserving behaviours deeply reinforcing. This 'wealth-empathy gap' isn't just social—it's neurobiological," notes psychotherapist Dr Trinjhna Khattar.

The Emotion journal further found that wealth increases confidence, but not compassion or love.

Paul Piff's well-known Monopoly experiment at UC Berkeley demonstrated how even artificial advantages quickly alter behaviour. Players randomly given "rich" roles—with more money and dice—spoke louder, moved aggressively, occupied more space, and consumed extra snacks. They later attributed their wins to skill, ignoring the unfair head start. Such findings show how quickly advantages reshape attitudes and actions.

What a lack of compassion can cost

The empathy gap has measurable consequences in business. Research in Harvard Business Review shows that teams led by low-empathy leaders collaborate less, solve problems poorly, and innovate less. The Centre for Creative Leadership found



that such leaders miss vital emotional cues, lowering morale and accelerating burnout. "A good leader knows not only the value of empathy and compassion, but the criticality of demonstrating these values daily," says Madhuri Menon, former Dean of Banyan Academy of Leadership in Mental Health.

Gallup data shows employees under insensitive leaders seek other jobs at a 40% higher rate. Replacing skilled workers costs 50%-200% of their salary, according to the Society for Human Resource Management. The mismatch between confidence and compassion also impairs the decision-making of wealthy leaders, leading to costly strategic errors (Current Directions in Psychological Science). MIT Sloan research found that leaders lacking empathy struggle to understand customer needs, blinding them to market opportunities.

Restoring empathetic leadership

Research shows empathy can be rebuilt with intentional practices. UC Berkeley found that

strategic nudges can guide leaders toward more egalitarian behaviour. Menon emphasises that unless empathy becomes part of an organisation's DNA, training efforts will remain limited.

- **Exposure to diversity:** The Journal of Applied Psychology reports that senior executives exposed to diverse teams show improved empathetic responses.
- **Feedback with empathy metrics:** Companies tracking leaders' emotional intelligence through 360-degree feedback see leadership effectiveness rise by up to 25%.
- **Perspective-taking practices:** Meditation and exercises that encourage seeing through others' eyes strengthen empathy-related brain circuits.
- **Cross-team interaction:** Stanford research shows that leaders working with mixed teams develop stronger perspective-taking skills and unifying strategies.
- **Recognising privilege:** Menon warns that entitlement often comes from advantages like wealth, education, or elite degrees. Training leaders to recognise these factors curbs arrogance and restores humility.

An implementation framework

Here is a practical three-phase model that can help organisations bridge the wealth-empathy gap:

- **Phase 1: Assessment:** Establish baseline empathy levels in leadership through feedback from peers, subordinates, and stakeholders.
- **Phase 2: Intervention:** Offer training programs that strengthen perspective-taking. Harvard Medical School research shows such training helps restore empathy.
- **Phase 3: Integration:** Incorporate empathy metrics into evaluations, promotions, and compensation to ensure lasting behavioural change.

How companies benefit

Empathetic leadership delivers measurable ad-

Statistics at a glance

- 40% higher job-search rate among employees under insensitive leaders (Gallup)
- 40% higher employee engagement with empathetic leaders (DDI)
- 25% improvement in leadership effectiveness with 360-degree empathy feedback (Corporate Leadership Council)
- 20% stronger business performance in empathetic organisations (McKinsey)
- 50% lower turnover with empathetic leadership (Deloitte)
- 50%-200% of salary to replace skilled employees (SHRM)

vantages. Development Dimensions International found 40% higher employee engagement when leaders show empathy. Deloitte reports turnover falls by 50% in such companies, while McKinsey links empathetic leadership to 20% stronger business performance.

Leaders who care about others foster workplaces where employees share ideas freely, decisions are inclusive, and customer relationships deepen. In short, empathy becomes a driver of both innovation and loyalty.

Khattar concludes, "Awareness opens the door to change. Smarter organisations recognise that unlearning bias and dominance-driven reflexes is essential for a truly egalitarian, diversity-sensitive workplace. Fighting our brain's dominance default isn't easy—but it's necessary if we want to build humane systems where power doesn't diminish connection."

By confronting the wealth-empathy gap, leaders can build resilient, innovative organisations that thrive in today's interconnected world.

(The writer is a Chennai-based businessman)

Fixing exam dents with open books

Open book examinations can reshape academic assessments and the way our society perceives knowledge, writes P John J Kennedy

The Central Board of Secondary Education's (CBSE) plan to introduce open-book examinations (OBEs) for Class IX from 2026-27 is more than symbolic; it signals a serious attempt to reform assessment. On the surface, the sight of students carrying textbooks into an exam hall may seem radical.

More importantly, the idea represents a break from the rote memorisation that has long dominated classrooms. Essentially, the shift recognises that learning in an age of instant access to information should be judged by how well students interpret, apply, and synthesise knowledge, not by how much they can recall under pressure.

For too long, India's exam system has emphasised recall and reproduction of facts, rewarding speed and memory over thoughtfulness and understanding. As decades of research in educational psychology show, this method fosters only

surface learning, leaving students ill-prepared for complex real-world situations or the demands of higher education.

OBEs offer a profound alternative. By allowing access to resources, they encourage students to analyse concepts, compare perspectives, and formulate arguments rooted in evidence. These exams demand higher-order thinking, creativity, and the ability to tackle unfamiliar problems—skills far more relevant to contemporary life and work than rote recall.

The benefits of OBEs go beyond cognitive gains. High-stakes, memory-driven exams in India are notorious for generating stress and anxiety, sometimes with tragic outcomes. Reimagining exams as platforms for interpretation and application offers students greater fairness.

Learners with strengths in reasoning, creativity, or interdisciplinary thinking often feel penalised by memory-centric tests. OBEs open the door for them to succeed by leveraging those very capabilities. Modern employers no longer value memorisation; they seek adaptable employees who can solve problems and synthesise information from diverse sources—qualities that OBEs are better positioned to nurture.

However, CBSE's past experiments with OBEs call for a cautious approach. Open-text-based assessments introduced in 2014 were phased out by 2017-18, after reviews revealed familiar problems. Students and teachers were unprepared, classroom practices barely changed, and resource gaps widened divides between privileged and under-resourced schools.

Pilot studies conducted in 2023 painted a similar picture, with average scores between 12% and 47% suggesting foundational skills such as independent reading and critical reasoning remain limited because classrooms have yet to nurture them systematically. A rushed rollout of OBEs, therefore, could frustrate students, burden teachers, and



deepen inequalities.

The success of OBEs depends on treating implementation as a substantive reform, not just a procedural adjustment. Teacher preparation is central. OBEs require teachers to frame open-ended questions, assess the quality of arguments rather than recall, and provide constructive feedback to guide deeper thinking. This represents a significant departure from traditional approaches and will necessitate substantial professional development, ongoing mentorship, and access to international best practices.

School authorities must create sustained opportunities for teachers to learn, experiment, and share experiences. Si-

multaneously, the culture of classroom learning must evolve. Genuine adoption of resource-based learning means encouraging students to consult multiple sources, debate interpretations, and apply knowledge to real-world issues. This is not a short-term fix, but rather a gradual transformation that demands patience, leadership, and a willingness to learn from setbacks.

Making it inclusive

In all this, let us not forget equity, which is paramount. Many government and rural schools still lack basics: libraries, digital resources, and adequately trained teachers. If OBE is rolled out

without addressing these realities, it may become another privilege for better-off urban students.

CBSE and state authorities must tie OBE implementation to targeted investments in infrastructure and digital inclusion. Pilot programmes should intentionally include under-resourced schools so that feedback reflects diverse realities. Without this, OBEs could reinforce, rather than reduce, inequalities.

Clear communication is equally important. In a society where marks function as gateways to careers, any exam reform risks being misunderstood—as dilution of standards or a shortcut to success. Educators must clarify that OBEs are not easier but more meaningful assessments.

They are also better aligned with higher education, where research papers, case analyses, and projects dominate. By connecting school assessments to these practices, OBEs can smooth the transition to university and help students build transferable skills.

Ultimately, what is at stake is the culture of learning itself. If thoughtfully designed and methodically implemented, OBEs can move Indian classrooms from rote drills to environments rich in questioning, imagination, and reasoning. Past failures underline the need for preparation and the courage to learn from mistakes, not to abandon reform.

With substantial investment in teacher training, genuine commitment to equity, and feedback-driven rollout, OBEs can reshape assessments and how Indian society perceives knowledge. If implemented with care, OBEs can help India take a decisive step toward a future where schools value wisdom and insight over recall and repetition, giving generations of students the foundation for meaningful lifelong learning.

(The author is a former professor and dean of a university in Bengaluru)

How design education can help create a better world

MAHESH BHAT

Higher education in design has experienced significant growth in India over the past few years. A decade ago, there were a handful of design schools across the country. Today, the number stands well over 2500. Despite this, many people, or rather parents, do not know what exactly design education is. They get even more confused with the nomenclature of the courses and degrees.

Donald Schön, an American philosopher and professor in urban planning at MIT, said that design is a conversation with the situation. He meant that it is not just a technical activity but also a reflective one. He believed that designers constantly evaluate their actions, adjust their approaches, and learn from their experiences.

We are facing societal crises globally. As futurist and impact strategist Sudhir Desai says, our world, societies, and cultures are complex conceptual landscapes that, as we are witnessing today, are fraught with conflicts. Conceptual landscapes are dynamic spaces that organise, contextualise, and connect ideas. They allow individuals and groups to navigate complex topics, understand-

ing how different concepts relate to each other and how changes in one part of the landscape can influence others.

As Desai highlights, cognitive complexity is the mental capacity to recognise, interpret, and integrate multiple, sometimes contradictory, perspectives. It allows individuals to move beyond simple, linear cause-and-effect thinking and embrace the nuanced, interconnected nature of complex systems. Cognitive complexity involves both breadth and depth of understanding diverse ideas, as well as exploring concepts in detail.

However, the cognitive complexities of our societies aren't deep or wide enough to navigate the complex landscapes. This directly affects the perception towards higher education and the way education gets delivered, not just in art and design but in all areas and all levels. It also drives people to make simplistic and reductionistic choices when selecting courses and institutions to enrol in. Institutions also get swayed by the so-called market demands.

"Design needs to be transformed from an expert-driven process focused on objects and services within a taken-for-granted social and economic order towards design practices that are participatory, socially oriented,



situated, and open ended and that challenge the business-as-usual mode of being, producing, and consuming," says Arturo Escobar, professor emeritus of Anthropology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA.

We must move beyond consumerism and prioritise environmentally responsible solutions for the greater good. The educational system has a moral obligation to produce "new world makers". Rather than perpetuating a culture of overconsumption, we must strive to nurture individuals who can reimagine our world for the better. We must continually ask ourselves whether our institutions are contributing to this transformation.

The frenetic pace at which design colleges have started appears to have industrialised education, turning these institutions into conveyor belts that simply produce degree holders. Enlightened designers and artists can create new worlds that are just, kind and equitable. This is possible only when there is an ecosystem to support such a design and art education.

"The classroom remains the most radical space of possibility in the academy," according to Bell Hooks. We need to create these radical spaces; we need true transdisciplinary programmes and courses that are designed to develop multiple capabilities in learners, aiming to bring forth designers and artists who can become "new world makers".

The evolution of such an educational paradigm requires several years to take shape and acquire a firm foundation. The role of the educator in this landscape is important.

Expanded definition

The "classroom" should extend far beyond four walls to include diverse environments like rainforests, grasslands, rivers, museums, cities, and villages. The primary objective is not merely to teach but to facilitate learning and help

aspiring designers, filmmakers, and visual artists develop the ability to see our world clearly, cutting through the clutter and through multiple lenses. This process also enables the educator to see better.

This redefinition of design education also prompts a critical examination of how knowledge is created, recorded, and valued. Historically, knowledge in India was transmitted orally and performatively, emphasising practice, or "Sadhana"—a methodical discipline to attain desired knowledge or goals.

However, the adoption of Western educational models in India has sometimes led to the subjugation of knowledge by insisting on writing and publishing in specific journals as the sole arbiter of scholarship. This raises crucial questions about what constitutes knowledge, especially in creative fields like arts and design, and whether the current demands of peer-reviewed journals, which prioritise literature review and situating ideas within known spaces, might stymie the exploratory iterative process essential to art and design.

The academic insistence on a PhD as a prerequisite for teaching also prompts the question of metrics for measuring post-PhD scholarship.

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BCU extends the last date
Bengaluru City University has extended the last date for admissions to its various postgraduate courses for the academic year 2025-26 till September 30, 2025. Eligible candidates can secure admission through a walk-in process by visiting the respective postgraduate departments with their original academic documents. Selected students must pay the fee on the spot to confirm admission.

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Man stabs wife to death at bus stand as her daughter watches

Discord suspected as motive for murder; police launch manhunt for suspect

BENGALURU, DHNS

A 35-year-old man fatally stabbed his wife multiple times in front of her teenage daughter at the Sunkadakatte bus stand in northwest-

ern Bengaluru before fleeing, the police said.

The horrific attack, which unfolded in full public view between 11.30 am and 11.40 am on Monday, left 32-year-old Rekha dead on the spot

with multiple stab wounds to her chest and stomach.

Police sources said that bystanders tried to stop her husband, Lohitashwa, but he brandished the knife at them and managed to flee.

The police have launched a manhunt for Lohitashwa, a car driver.

A senior police officer close to the investigation said the couple had recently married. Rekha, a call centre

employee, was Lohitashwa's second wife and he her second husband.

The officer added that marital discord appeared to be the motive but investigations were underway to uncover what triggered it.

Lohitashwa, a native of Sirataluk in Tumakuru district, had met Rekha, hailing from Channarayapatna in Hassan district, through mutual friends.

Both were divorcees and

wanted to start life afresh. After a year and a half of courtship, they tied the knot about three months ago and rented a house at Kebbehalla near Sunkadakatte. They lived in the rented house with Rekha's elder daughter, while her younger daughter stayed with grandparents.

According to investigators, frequent quarrels had erupted soon after the marriage. They argued on Monday morning,

too, before Rekha and her 13-year-old daughter left for the Sunkadakatte bus stand.

Lohitashwa rushed there and picked another fight with Rekha. As the daughter tried to intervene, he pulled out a knife and stabbed Rekha, investigators said.

"Rekha's daughter is an eyewitness," the officer told *DH*. A murder case has been registered at the Kamakshipalya police station.

Woman killed in fall after lorry brushes bike

BENGALURU, DHNS: A woman was killed in a road accident in Nandini Layout on Monday morning.

Kalpana (38) was riding pillion with her colleague when a lorry brushed against their two-wheeler.

"The lorry touched the bike's handle, causing the rider to lose control. He fell to the left while the woman fell to the right. Though the lorry did not run over her, the impact exerted pressure on her," a Rajajinagar traffic police officer said.

The two were heading to work when the accident occurred. The woman died on the spot, while the rider sustained minor leg injuries.

Kalpana, wife of *Prajavani* artist Shashikiran Desai, had reportedly dropped her daughter to school before leaving for work with her colleague.

The lorry driver fled the spot after the accident, but was later traced and taken into custody by the police.

Conmen posing as govt officials loot Rs 1.5 cr from lecturer

BENGALURU, DHNS: In a daylight robbery, four unidentified men, posing as government officials, allegedly stole Rs 1.5 crore in cash and 50 grams of gold jewellery from a home on Friday morning.

The victims were the family of Giriraju, a lecturer.

The police said that the four suspects arrived at the house in a car with a fake number plate. They were dressed in white shirts, appearing to be officials, and managed to gain entry into the house without resistance.

They immediately confiscated the mobile phones of the family members. They then instructed the family to sit in a separate area while they began searching the premises.

The robbers found a bag containing Rs 1.5 crore in cash, which Giriraju had reportedly brought home to purchase a plot of land. The men also stole gold ornaments. After the heist, the thieves fled in the same car.

Data shows huge gaps in detection and repair across zones

BENGALURU, DHNS

A consolidated pothole dataset — compiled from citizen complaints and inputs from the Bengaluru Traffic Police (BTP) — shows roads on the city's outskirts are in worse shape than those in central Bengaluru.

Corporations have sought a month's time to complete repairs.

Byatarayanapura zone in the Bengaluru North City Corporation has recorded the highest number of potholes, followed by RR Nagar in the West, and Mahadevapura in the East.

Ward-level roads — usually asphalted once in five years and before assembly elections — accounted for about 9,973 potholes, while arterial and sub-arterial roads reported 4,400 potholes despite large allocations for upkeep.

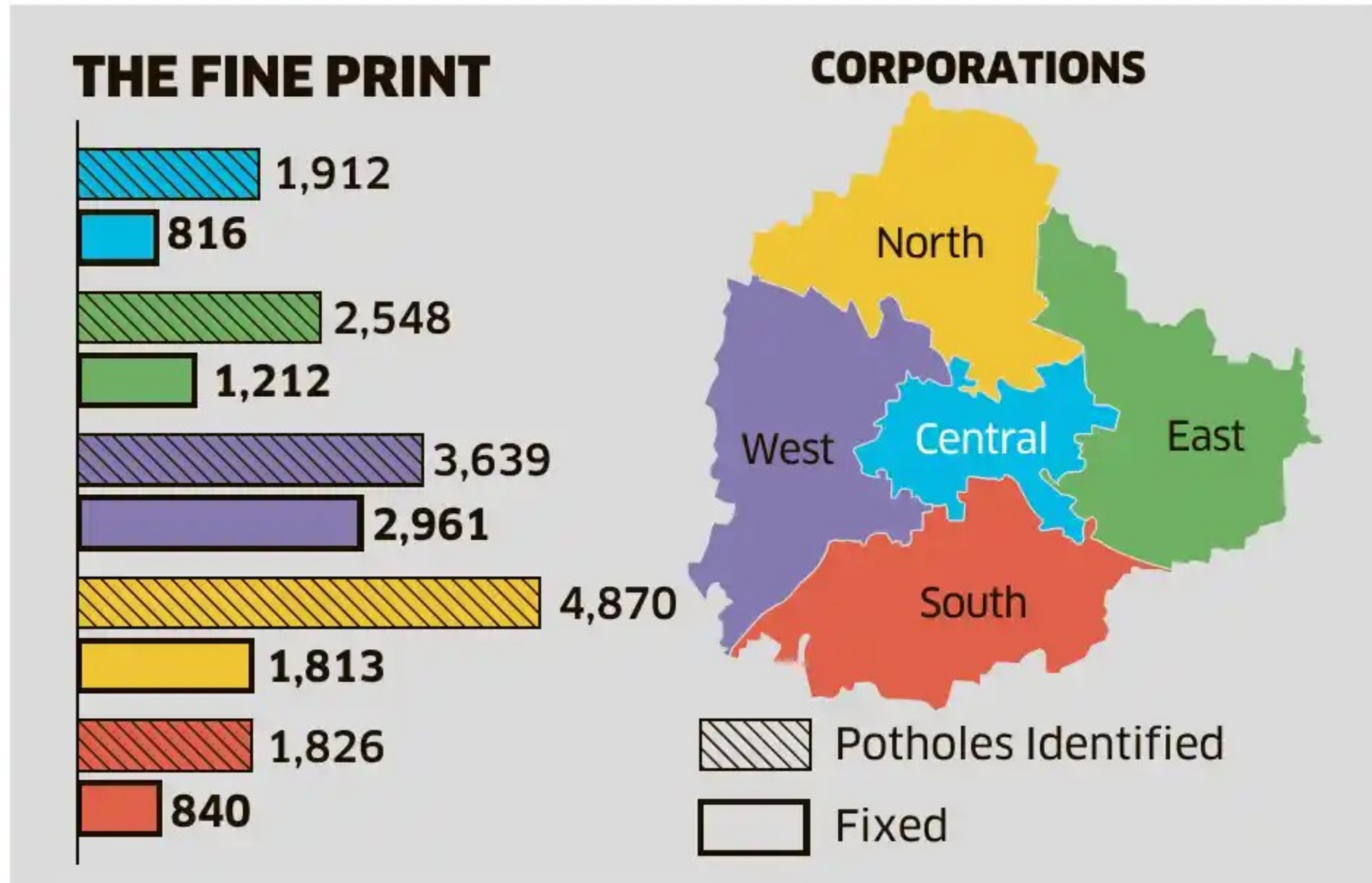
The data shows North Corporation leads in detection and repair, fixing 3,057 of 4,870 potholes (62.8%).

In contrast, West Corporation has the most potholes (3,639) but the lowest repair rate (18.6%), exposing a wide gap. The East (47.6%), South (54%), and Central (42.7%) zones have made moderate progress.

New app in the works
MMaheshwar Rao, Chief Commissioner of the Greater Ben-



With 14,000 potholes mapped, city corporations race to fix them. DH FILE PHOTO



galuru Authority (GBA), said a new app is being developed to collect public feedback after potholes are repaired.

"The app will be made public very soon," he said. "Each corporation is filling about 300 potholes daily. We have our own hot mix plant, and adequate stock of hot and cold mix and eco-fix materials. Jet-patcher machines will also be deployed," he added.

Swetha S, a resident of Balagere, said several stretches in east Bengaluru are unfit for motorists. "Some sections of Panathur Road have been asphalted, but the work is of poor quality. In Balagere, no asphaltting or road repair has been done. The Varthur-Gun-

jur stretch is also in a terrible condition," she said.

Bengaluru East City Corporation Commissioner DS Ramesh held a detailed meeting with representatives from BESCOM, KPTCL, BWSSB, GAIL, Railways, and the police to fix damaged roads. It was decided to make Panathur, Balagere, Vibgyor School Road, Gear School Road, Jayanthinagar, and Arakere Lake stretches motorable at the earliest. He issued directions to this effect after a meeting on Monday.

After Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's review on Saturday, commissioners have been meeting engineers and contractors to fast-track works.

3 projects under B-SMILE's purview

BENGALURU, DHNS

Following the dissolution of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), the long-pending construction of the Ejjipura flyover, a proposed rotary flyover at IOC Junction near Mukunda Theatre, and a railway underbridge at Baiyappanahalli have been handed over to Bengaluru Smart Infrastructure Ltd (B-SMILE).

The order in this regard was issued on Monday.

While the Ejjipura flyover project, behind deadline by many years, is estimated to cost Rs 307 crore, improving access in and around the Baiyappanahalli third coaching terminal, a long-pending promise, will cost Rs 380 crore.

In its order, the government also posted Raghavendra Prasad BG, Chief Engineer of Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Ltd (BSWML), with

additional charge as Chief Engineer of B-SMILE, while pointing out projects that are with B-SMILE so far. These include two separate road white-topping projects, costing Rs 1,700 crore, and Rs 273 crore high-density corridor.

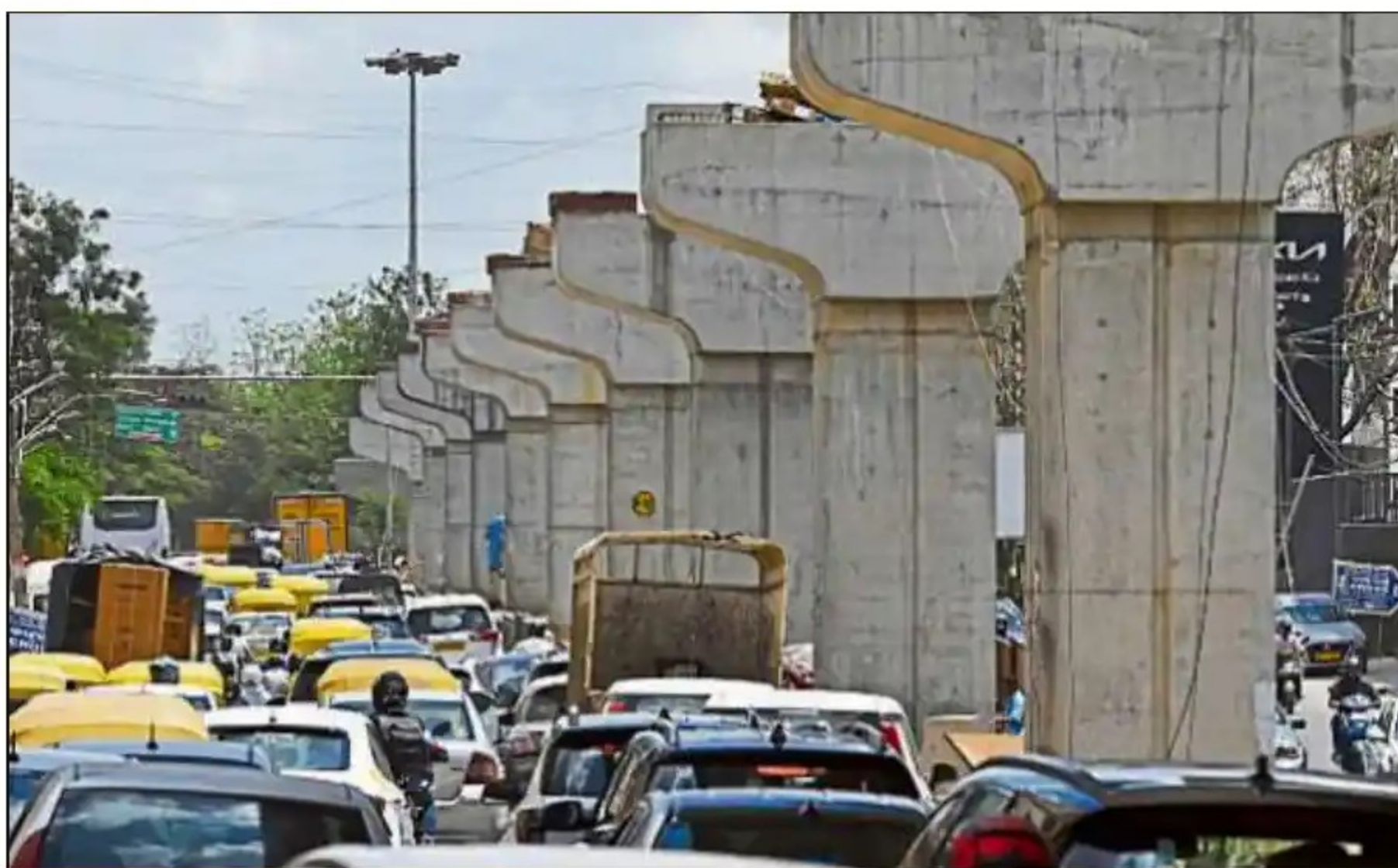
The order also stated that the chief engineer will report to the Technical Director of B-SMILE.

GBA order

In a separate order, the government appointed Purushotham Das Hegde as Chief Engineer (Civil) at the newly created projects and coordination wing of the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA).

No work has been assigned to the wing yet.

In another order, the government has entrusted the Chief Town Planner of the GBA to handle applications related to Transferable Development Rights (TDR) certificates.



The Ejjipura flyover construction is behind deadline by many years. DH FILE PHOTO

Five corporations get work allocated between two senior officers

BENGALURU, DHNS: Weeks after forming five corporations, the government on Monday issued an order allocating works between two senior officers. While the commissioner will be overall in charge, the new order has demarcated responsibilities between an IAS officer and KAS officer.

The additional commissioner (development) will be in

charge of engineering, forests, ecology and climate change, education, information technology, and welfare.

The additional commissioner (revenue) will be responsible for revenue, survey, ads, markets, admin, communication and coordination, elections, solid waste management, health, animal husbandry, trade, and investment.

North corporation launches phone-in on Fridays

BENGALURU, DHNS: Pommalasunil Kumar, Commissioner of Bengaluru North City Corporation (BNCC), will conduct a two-hour phone-in programme every Friday, starting September 26, between 11 am and 1 pm.

Citizens can raise complaints or requests related to civic services such as pothole-filling, street light repair, garbage, tree pruning, mosquito control, dog

bites, park maintenance, removal of illegal banners, footpath encroachment, e-khata issues and side drain cleaning, the press note stated.

With this initiative, the corporation believes it is easier to assess the nature of complaints challenging the areas.

"This would also help in connecting citizens with field-level staff at various

levels. Performance of field-level functionaries will be evaluated based on grievance redressal, and accountability will be fixed. Every complaint raised will be entered into the Sahaaya 2.0 portal and an official will be assigned," the press note said.

The numbers are: 9480685705 (mobile), and landline: 080-22975936, 080-23636671.

Bengaluru passenger detained for attempting to enter cockpit midair

BENGALURU, DHNS: A passenger on board a Varanasi-bound Air India Express flight from Bengaluru on Monday attempted to enter the cockpit area midair while looking for the lavatory, but was unsuccessful.

The incident occurred on flight IX 1086, which took off from the Kempegowda International Airport's Terminal 2 at 8 am and landed in Varanasi at 10.27 am.

A well-placed source with the airline said, "The young male passenger, who claimed to be a first-time flyer, attempted to enter the passcode to enter the cockpit area, but was unsuccessful. It all happened in a fraction of a second, and our staff immediately escorted him back to his seat."

The airline has since classified the passenger as 'Level 3 Unruly Passenger', which applies to a passenger who partakes in life-threatening behaviour.

On no-fly list

"The cockpit is a sanitised zone, and any attempt to enter it is considered a safety breach.

"The passenger will be put on a no-fly list, and as protocol, we will also be sharing the information with other airlines. We also informed the authorities concerned immediately, and are cooperating with the investigation," he added.

"We reaffirm that robust safety and security protocols are in place and were not compromised," Air India Express said in a statement.

In Varanasi, officials said that CISF personnel detained the passenger and his eight companions as soon as their aircraft landed and handed them over to local Phoolpur police, where they were interrogated.

All nine people are residents of Bengaluru and were visiting Varanasi for a pilgrimage.

Dak Adalat on September 29

BENGALURU, DHNS: The Senior Superintendent of Post Offices, Bengaluru East Division, will hold a 'Dak Adalat' — a forum for hearing and resolving public grievances related to postal services — on September 29 at 11 am at the Senior Superintendent's office on Museum Road. It is organised by

the Indian Postal Department.

The department has urged the public to submit grievances in writing to the Senior Superintendent before 4 pm on September 25, relating to matters under the Bengaluru East Division.

Email: dbangaloreeast.ka@indiapost.gov.in.

Tech glitch delays Yellow Line metro

BENGALURU, DHNS: Trains on the Yellow Line were delayed due to a technical issue on Monday evening, according to Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRL).

The issue lasted between 7 pm and 9 pm.

Train frequency on the 19.15-km Yellow Line, which



connects RV Road to Bommasandra via Silk Board Junction, is 19 minutes during peak hours. Four trains are currently in service.

'Double the Bus', a campaign for better public transport



The campaign was held on World Car Free Day on Monday.

PHOTO: HSR COMMUNITY TASK FORCE

BENGALURU, DHNS: Members of the HSR Community Task Force held a campaign, 'Double the Bus', to raise awareness about the need for stronger investment in public transport by the government.

Despite having several feeder buses, HSR Layout continues to face shortages after the opening of the Namma Metro Yellow Line.

The campaign was held on World Car Free Day on Monday.

Public transport advocate Srinivas Alavilli said, "Double the Bus is a just demand and I am glad to see so many cities come together today." He not-

ed that many commuters face overcrowded buses daily. "We need more buses — much more

than double," he added.

Volunteer Sachin Pandith of the HSR Community Task

Force said feeder buses have significantly reduced traffic in the area. "As a community we share responsibility. Feeder buses have reduced cars and pollution, but they are jam-packed. Hence, we are asking for more buses," he said.

HR professional Sahana Jayaram, who works in HSR Layout, said she wants to continue using public transport, but both metro and bus services are overcrowded. "At peak hours, it is hard to even breathe in buses. If this continues, people will be forced to shift to autos, cabs or private vehicles, worsening traffic," she said.

Builder-encroached kharab land cleared for suburban rail

K-RIDE to re-tender civil works for Corridor 2 & 4

BENGALURU, DHNS



Work on the suburban railway project has stopped since March. DH FILE

In a boost for the long-delayed Bengaluru Suburban Railway Project (BSRP), K-RIDE authorities have reclaimed Rs 40 crore worth of kharab land encroached on by a real-estate developer in the city's northwest.

The 2,000 square metre, scattered over a half-kilometre area in survey number 2 between Makala Channenhalli and Peenya Plantation, is required for Corridor 2, the 25.01-km Mallige Line (Baiyappanahalli-Chikkabannavara).

"Bagmane Developers had encroached on kharab land adjoining railway land due to ambiguity about their boundaries. We have reclaimed it now," K-RIDE Special Deputy Commissioner Vasanthi Amar BV told *DH*.

The encroachment was 4-5 metres in some places and 2-3 metres in others, she added.

It was detected during a site inspection by the Assistant Directors of Land Records for Bengaluru North and Yelahanka.

On September 20, Vasanthi, along with K-RIDE, revenue, railways and police officials, cleared the encroachment in the presence of Bagmane representatives, who were briefed beforehand.

K-RIDE and railway officials then installed boundary stones, and the land was officially handed over to K-RIDE to commence construction, K-RIDE said in a statement.

A senior railway officer said over 95% of railway land needed for Corridor 2 had been handed over to K-RIDE. Vasanthi confirmed this.

The railway official said

there was not much encroachment on railway land falling within Corridor 4 (Heelalige-Rajanukunte, 44.88 km). On Corridor 4, Vasanthi said 30% of land acquisition was complete and the rest would be completed in three months.

"Many private buildings lie along the alignment. Building evaluations are underway," she added.

South Western Railway General Manager Mukul Saran Mathur earlier told *DH* that efforts were underway to remove encroachments from railway land.

The 149-km BSRP has stalled since July after L&T Limited terminated its civil contract for Corridors 2 and 4, and demanded Rs 505 crore in claims.

In a legal notice, L&T stated that even 22 months after the Letter of Acceptance, only 12.83 km or 49.44% of the workfront was made available, that, too, in "unworkable fragmented stretches".

As of August 25, overall progress on both corridors was 18.5%. The project's revised deadline is December 2028.

K-RIDE has now decided to re-tender both corridors, with the process expected to complete in a month or two, a source in the know said.

A senior judge has also been appointed to arbitrate between K-RIDE and L&T. "There will be no negotiations. We want full justice for K-RIDE. Work cannot stop," the source added.

Auto driver attacked; throat slit in brawl at wine shop

BENGALURU, DHNS: An auto driver from Gangodanahalli was brutally attacked and had his throat slit by three people following an altercation at a wine shop on Sunday evening.

The victim, Shashikumar R, 31, is undergoing treatment at a hospital in Rajajinagar.

The Peenya police have registered a case and arrested one person in connection with the crime.

The complaint stated Shashikumar left his home at Sampige Layout on Sunday night to attend a dinner party at a relative's house.

Minutes later, the complainant received a call from her husband. During the call, a severely injured Shashikumar reportedly told his wife that a person named Bharatha had slit his throat and that she should come to ESI Hospital.

In a statement to his wife, Shashikumar recounted the sequence of events leading to

the attack on him.

He said before heading to the party, he stopped for a drink at a wine shop in Shivapura. There, he got into a fight with three men — Bharatha, Shivu, and one of their friends. During the argument, Bharatha reportedly hit Shashikumar on the head with a beer bottle.

Shashikumar told his wife that as he was leaving the spot on his bike, the three men pursued him. Shivu grabbed him from behind, while Bharatha and their friend slit his throat and stabbed him in the hand with a knife, causing a bloody wound.

He was then taken to the hospital by a friend.

The Peenya police have registered a case against Bharatha, Shivu, and the unknown assailant for attempted murder.

The police confirmed that Shivu has been arrested and efforts are on to nab the remaining two suspects.

◆ IN THE CITY ◆

GENERAL

Nimhans: 10th National Ayurvedic Day; Dr BN Gangadhar; MV Govindaswamy Building; 10.30 am.

Binka Binnar Theater

Team: Mythical Drama Exhibition, direction by Shivu Honniganahalli; Ravindra Kalakshetra, JC Road; 6.30 pm.

CULTURAL

Dhatu Creative: Navratri celebrations, performance of the elemental toys; Mandala Cultural Center, Kanakapura Road; from 10.30 am onwards.

Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan: Navratri Festival; Dasara Dolls Exhibition, Racecourse Road; from 11 am.

Natya Sarasvathi Shantala Kannada Sangha: Dasara Rangotsava; ST Somashekhar; Nayana Auditorium, Kannada Bhavan, JC Road; from 5.30 pm onwards.

Yuva Sangha: Yuva Dasara-Ranga Namana, 4th Block, Jayanagar; 5.45 pm.

Shantala Arts Trust: Navratri Dasara Festival; Bharatanatyam

exhibition; Shantala Team, vocals: Ambika Shastri; Yeshwantpur; 6.30 pm.

RELIGIOUS

Devi Renukaallamma Temple: Special prayers; Marenahalli Village, JP Nagar; 6.30 pm.

◆ CITY WEATHER ◆

FORECAST

Generally cloudy sky with one or two spells of rain or thundershowers

TEMPERATURES

Maximum 28.0°C
Minimum 21.0°C

Rainfall --
Humidity 85%

Sunset (Sept 23) 6:16 pm

Sunrise (Sept 24) 6:09 am

Moonrise 6:21 pm

Moonset 6:34 am

(Relevant data recorded at 5.30 pm) Source: IMD

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KEA allows quit option for 774 MBBS aspirants

BENGALURU, DHNS: The Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) has offered the Quit Option to 774 MBBS aspirants who secured seats through both the all-India quota and KEA's state quota.

In a statement, the Authority said 774 students who have been allotted seats by the Medical Counselling Committee have also secured seats under state quota through it.

“Those who wish to get admission under All India quota have been given the option to quit the state quota till 5 pm on Monday. The deposit paid by students at KEA will be refunded soon. The seats that were left after second round will be added and revised second round results will be announced”.

The Authority has opened new registration for students who have not previously registered, from September 25 to 29.

AAI report on Bengaluru’s 2nd airport faces further delay

State team likely to meet civil aviation officials this week

ASRA MAVAD
BENGALURU, DHNS

The report of the Airport Authority of India (AAI) on Bengaluru’s second international airport has been delayed again.

On September 1, Industries Minister M B Patil had said that the state government was hoping to receive the report in two weeks.

A well-placed source told DH that the report was likely to be delayed further.

Meanwhile, a team of state government officials is likely to

meet officials of the civil aviation ministry this week to “take stock of the matter”.

According to a senior AAI official, the project was progressing on expected lines.

The AAI had submitted the report to the civil aviation ministry on June 23.

Green clearance pending

“As far as we know, the environmental clearance for the report is still pending. There might be some delay due to certain key officials being unavailable. Other than that, the project is moving on expected lines. The



Industries Minister M B Patil says that the HAL airport should be opened for commercial operations, as it will benefit from domestic operations. It is conveniently located for public use.

DH PHOTO

Hosur airport, for example, is following a similar timeline,” he said.

Minister backs move to reopen HAL airport

On the topic of Bengaluru’s HAL airport tentatively reopening in 2033, Patil said that

he was in favour of the decision.

“The airport should be opened for commercial operations, as it will benefit from domestic operations. It is conveniently located for public use,” he told DH.

He said that the reopening of the HAL airport would not

have any impact on the proposed second airport.

“HAL is a small operation, and it will not be able to handle large-scale international operations. What we have proposed is an international airport with a capacity to handle about one lakh passengers daily. Each airport will serve a different purpose,” he added.

The AAI has prepared a 10-year master plan, intending to renovate and expand the HAL airport. With the expansion, the airport’s capacity is to be increased to 40 lakh passengers per annum, and over 2,000 passengers during peak hours.

Currently, Kempegowda International Airport handles 1.2 lakh passengers every day — about 4,000 per day, in both terminals. The expansion of Terminal 2 at KIA is expected to begin early next year.

H-1B visa curbs will have deferred repercussions: Priyank

BENGALURU, DHNS

US President Donald Trump’s curbs on the H-1B visas will have “a deferred repercussion and impact” on India, IT/BT Minister Priyank Kharge said on Monday, adding that it was “too early” to think about a reverse brain-drain.

“No doubt there’ll be a deferred repercussion and a deferred impact,” Priyank said at a news conference, pointing out that Indians cornered 71% of all H-1B visas.

H-1B visas are non-immigration work visas, granted for three years and extendable up to six years, to highly-skilled foreign workers who are sponsored by companies to work in the US. Annually, 85,000 H-1B visa applications, mostly in the information technology, finance, and engineering sectors, are approved.

In recent years, Indian

nationals have accounted for more than 70% of H-1B approvals. It is widely used in industries such as information technology, finance, and engineering.

Priyank said the White House had clarified that the staggering \$100,000 fee imposed on the H-1B visa petitions would be a one-time charge and the new norms would be applicable only to fresh applications. Asked about reverse brain-drain, Priyank wondered why more than 2.5 lakh Indians were relinquishing their citizenship for a life in the US, Australia and Europe every year. “The union government should come up with a policy. If they do, we (Karnataka) will lead it,” he said.

“While it’s too early to predict if there’ll be reverse brain-drain, do we have the environment? Are you ready to pay \$100,000-1,25,000 for an engineer?” Priyank asked.

Centre must compensate state for GST loss: HM

TUMAKURU, DHNS

The Centre will have to compensate the state for the loss in revenue resulting from the reduction in the Goods and Services Tax (GST) rates, Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara said on Monday.

Pointing out that Karnataka would lose nearly Rs 10,000 crore in revenue in the wake of the new GST rates coming into effect from Monday, Parameshwara said, “The Centre must reimburse the state for the loss in revenue. And it should not be a mere token gesture.”

Parameshwara said that the GST rates had been too high for the past eight years. “In fact, the rates could have been reduced for a few more items. It was



Home Minister G Parameshwara.

wrong to have levied so much cess in the first place.”

“In other countries, the tax slab is generally around 5%, but in India, it is 28 to 30%. The Centre has not given an account of the revenue collected over the past eight years, when the tax slabs were very high. The Centre has not produced receipts even in the Parliament,” Parameshwara said.

HC bins RERA circular for retrospective ‘delay fee’ on promoters

Court says it lacks legislative sanction, calculation method

BENGALURU, DHNS:

The High Court has quashed the Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA) circular, imposing a ‘delay fee’ retrospectively for the delayed submission of quarterly updates and annual audit statements.

Justice M Nagaprasanna allowed a batch of petitions challenging the September 3, 2020, circular, saying it lacked legislative sanction as the stat-

ute nowhere contemplates the ‘delay fee’.

Section 11 of the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act obliges every promoter to furnish quarterly updates on the project status together with annual reports.

The circular referred to section 11 of the Act and rule 15 of the Karnataka Real Estate (Regulation and Development) rules.

It said the Authority had observed that promoters were not filing post-registration quarterly updates and annual audits on the website within time.

The petitioners argued that although the Act undoubtedly imposes obligations on promoters, it neither envisages nor empowers the authority to

levy delay fees.

The government advocate submitted that when the promoters, developers or individuals fail to submit quarterly updates, delay fee is collected as caution to adhere to timeline. Justice Nagaprasanna said none of the provisions quoted in the circular empowers RERA to impose fee.

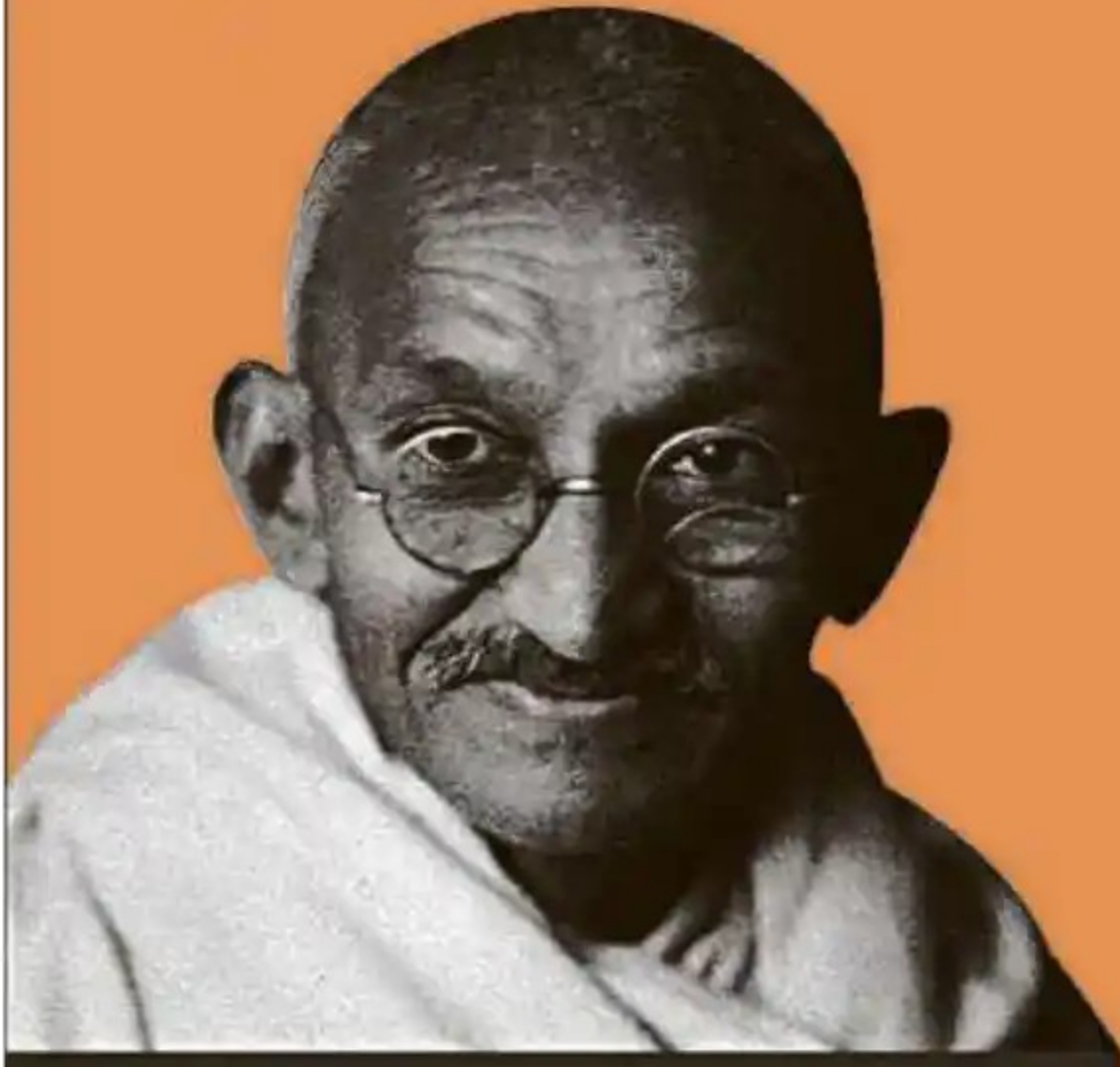
The circular does not indicate any source of power for imposition of a fee, and does not have the method of calculation of the fee as well, it said.

The court said imposition of tax, fee or any other impost upon any person cannot be by way of circular. “It is therefore manifest that the Act and the rules have not clothed the Authority with power to levy or recover fees beyond those

expressly authorised”.

“The reliance placed on Sections 11, 34, and 37 of the Act by the respondents (Authority) is wholly misplaced. Section 11 imposes duties but confers no power of exaction. Section 37 enables directions to be issued, but the power to issue directions cannot, by any stretch of judicial imagination, metamorphose into the authority to impose a compulsory pecuniary burden”.

“Therefore, from any of the provisions that the respondents seek to place reliance upon, the delay fee cannot be distilled,” the court said, stating that the setting aside of the circular would not come in the way of legislation for the imposition of a fee in a manner known to law.



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Vokkaligas
urge Kharge
to get survey
deferred

BENGALURU, DHNS: A delegation of Vokkaliga leaders met Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and sought postponement of the Social & Educational Survey.

The delegation was led by Nagaraj Yelachavadi, the chief convener of the State Vokkaliga Reservation Committee.

“There were around 800 castes. Now, the backward classes commission has prepared a list of 1,561 castes. Castes have been added without any hearing or anthropological studies. Further, the government has not provided proper training on the survey app,” he said after meeting Kharge.

“So, we’ve asked for the survey to be postponed,” he said, adding that the survey cannot be completed in just 15 days as stated.

“Kharge said he would examine our petition,” Yelachavadi said.

Man killed in
tiger attack

H D KOTE (MYSURU DISTRICT), DHNS: A tribal man died in a tiger attack at the Bogihalla forest area, Basaveshwara Gudi limits, under N Begur range, under Hediyaala sub-division on Monday.

Kencha (65), a resident of Malada Haadi tribal hamlet, is the deceased.

According to the Forest Department, the personnel on patrol found Kencha's body on Monday. His body was partially consumed. It is suspected that the incident might have occurred when he was working in a field on the fringes of the forest around two days ago. The pug marks of the tiger were found in and around the place, according to the Forest Department.

Post mortem has been conducted and the body handed over to his family. The Antharasanthe police have registered a case.

Bandipur Conservator of Forest S Prabhakaran presented a cheque for Rs 2 lakh to the family of Kencha. Hediyaala Assistant Conservator of Forests AV Sathish, N Begur Range Forest Officer BB Amrutesh were present.

Caste survey: High Court to
hear plea for interim stay

Exercise taken up by BCs' panel
is contrary to Article 342A,
say petitioners

AMBARISH B
BENGALURU, DHNS

The Karnataka high court on Monday deferred the hearing by a day on the public interest litigations (PILs) challenging the state-wide Socio-Economic and Educational Survey (caste survey).

A division bench comprising Chief Justice Vibhu Bakhru and Justice CM Joshi directed all the parties to submit their written propositions on the

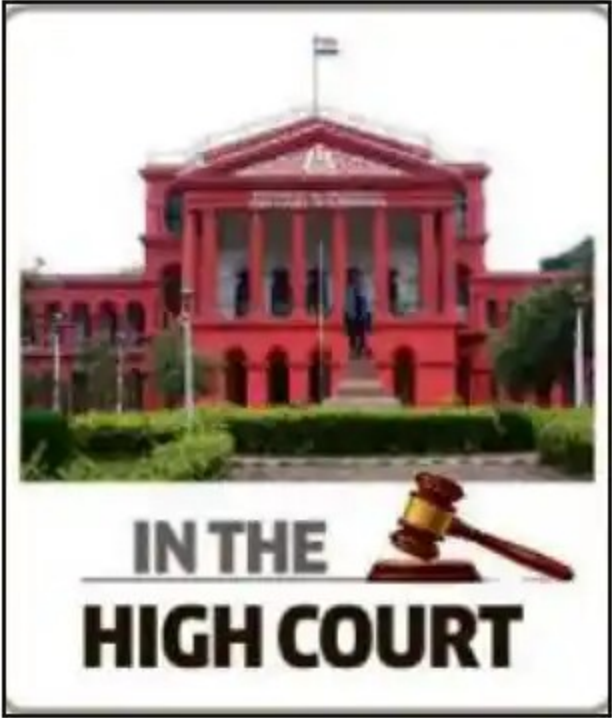
plea seeking an interim prayer of stay on the survey.

Senior advocate Prabhuling Navadgi, appearing on behalf of the members of Akhila Bharata Veerashaiva Lingayat Mahasabha, contended that the exercise taken up by the Karnataka Backward Classes Commission is contrary to Article 342A of the Constitution.

He informed the court that the state government had ignored an earlier report sub-

mitted in 2023 and the present survey was ordered. He further said that the methodology of data collection, geo-tagging every house of the state and linking it with the Aadhaar card of every citizen, violates the provisions of the Aadhaar Act and is also contrary to the principles laid down in the Apex Court judgement in Indra Sawhney case.

Senior advocate Jayakumar Patil, appearing for the same petitioners, said that though portrayed as a survey, it is nothing less than a census. “Everything done in the census is done here. It covers the entire population in the state. This entire exercise is totally without competence,” he added.



Another senior advocate, Ashok Haranahalli, appearing for Rajya Vokkaliga Sangha, said as per section 11 of the Backward Classes Commission Act, the Commission can only make recommendations for inclusion or exclusion of a caste and cannot do a survey in the entire state. The state has the power only to conduct a study insofar as the exclusion and inclusion of castes, he said.

Additional Solicitor General Arvind Kamath, appearing for the Union government, said that only the Union government has the authority to undertake a census, involving the collection of demographic data.

Premature petitions

On the other hand, the state government termed the petitions as premature. Senior advocate Abhishek Singhvi, along with Advocate General Shashikiran Shetty, said that the state government had issued the order on August 13 and the petitioners had moved the court seeking a stay on September 22.

He asserted that it is not a census but a survey.

“A budgetary allocation of Rs 420 crore was made for the exercise. Thousands of human resources, which include teachers and Asha workers, were mobilised and today they cannot seek a stay. The exercise is time sensitive and any interim order would derail the process. The petition is premature. It is a policy decision of the state,” he said.



Heavy rains inundate a petrol bunk at Gunj area in Kalaburagi on Monday. DH PHOTO

Girl dies, four kids
injured in K’buragi
dist as wall caves in

BENGALURU, DHNS

A 17-year-old girl was killed while four children sustained grievous injuries after their house wall collapsed on them late Sunday night at Yadrami in Kalaburagi district even as the Kalyana Karnataka districts continued to receive incessant rain.

Deceased has been identified as Saniya Saifunsab Yalgar. Four injured have been rushed to the government hospital in Yadrami. Parents of the victims were not in the house when the incident occurred. According to sources, they have left the town, unable to bear the harassment of the microfinance companies.

A youth was swept away in the swollen Bhima river while washing clothes at Mannur village in Afzalpur taluk. The body of Bhagesh Buruda (20) was recovered near Devangaon village on Monday morning.

As much as 2.30 lakh water was released into Bhima river from Ujani and Sina reservoirs in Maharashtra, triggering a flood scare in the downstream districts of Kalaburagi and Vijayapura. Four bridges in Kalaburagi-Kanasuru-Goturu on Kalaburagi-Kalagi main road and Mal-

ghan-Kalagi, Tengali-Tengali Cross - have been completely submerged. The overflowing Kagina river has submerged bridges near Muudbul, Kaddargi and Malkod.

Meanwhile, the floodwater on three bridges and seven bridge-cum-barrages has receded and they were opened for traffic on Monday.

Cotton, tur and paddy crops on vast tracts of farmland in the district have remained under water. The crops have suffered irreparable damage to high amounts of moisture in the soil.

Gruel centres have been opened in Chittapur, Kalagi and Chincholi taluks.

Meanwhile, the swollen Manjira river has left a trail of destruction on crops in Hulsor taluk of Bidar district. Unrelenting showers have marooned Mamadapur village in Aurad taluk. A woman and her child were rescued after they were stuck in floods.

Bidar town received heavy rains from 2pm to 5 pm on Monday. The sharp spell of rain flooded the low-lying areas and roads, causing hardships to the residents and the commuters. Several parts of the district, including Basavakalyan, Humnabad, Aurad and Chitguppa taluks, also witnessed heavy rains.

Caste census: Chalavadi slams
Christian tags for SC groups

Entire Cabinet,
religious heads against
survey, he claims

BENGALURU, DHNS



Leader of the Opposition Chalavadi Narayanaswamy on Monday lashed out at the ruling Congress over the inclusion of caste-based Christian tags like ‘Adi Andhra Christian’ and ‘Banjara Christian’ in the census.

He demanded their immediate removal, accusing the government of distorting religious identities on the pretext of data collection.

Addressing reproters here, Narayanaswamy called the survey a political stunt and an unconstitutional exercise.

“The state has no authority to conduct a caste census. Labelling Scheduled Castes with ‘Christian’ tags is legally flawed and socially divisive,” he said.

“Who pushed you to include so many caste groups with Christian tags? Is the intention of this survey to encourage conversions?,” Narayanaswamy

said. He said citizens were not legally bound to disclose their caste or religion and said terms like ‘Kuruba Christian’ or ‘Vokkaliga Christian’ were untenable. “If this continues, protests by communities will intensify,” he cautioned.

He questioned Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on the intent behind the move.

“Did US president Donald Trump advise this? Or did Sonia Gandhi direct for it? Did anyone in the public asked to be tagged as Christian?,” he said.

He alleged that widespread opposition was already visible on the ground.

“Except for the CM, the entire Cabinet is against this. BJP, JD(S), religious leaders, and community heads have all criticised it,” he added.

Narayanaswamy also questioned the survey’s credibility, citing unrealistic timelines.

CHALAVADI NARAYANASWAMY
Leader of the Opposition

The state has no authority to conduct a caste census. Labelling Scheduled Castes with ‘Christian’ tags is legally flawed and socially divisive. Who pushed you to include so many caste groups with Christian tags? Is the intention of this survey to encourage conversions?

“How can the government survey 7 crore people in 15 days when a similar survey of just 1.07 crore SCs took over two months with multiple extensions?,” he said.

Calling this the third such commission by the government, he said each one had only added to the confusion.

“The first report passed off quietly, the second caused unrest and now, the third has triggered chaos”.

He alleged that the ruling Congress was pushing ahead with the exercise despite public resistance and without consent of the communities.

Government takes LEAP with cluster-based innovation support

BENGALURU, DHNS

The state government on Monday launched the Local Economy Accelerator Programme (LEAP) to create five lakh jobs with an investment of Rs 1,000 crore, which includes a Rs 300-crore corpus to fund deep tech startups and other innovations outside Bengaluru.

“LEAP will help groom talent and innovations across the state, which will benefit India while building sustainable solutions for the world,” said IT/BT Minister Priyank Kharge after unveiling the programme that Chief Minister Siddaramaiah had announced in the 2025-26 budget.

Under the LEAP, Priyank said

the government would build clusters.

“Manipal-Udupi-Mangaluru will be one cluster. Similarly, Hubballi-Belagavi-Dharwad (HBD), Mysuru-Bengaluru South, Tumakuru-Shivamogga and Kalaburagi will be clusters,” the minister added.

Priyank pointed out that cities outside Bengaluru are contributing to IT exports. “Mysuru saw IT exports worth Rs 5,700 crore last year. It was Rs 2,800 crore in Mangaluru and Rs 2,500 crore in Belagavi-Hubballi,” he said, adding that the LEAP would encourage this ecosystem.

Under the LEAP, the government is floating a fund-of-funds

PRİYANK KHARGE
IT/BT Minister

So far, a total of 1,068 startups have received grants under the Elevate programme. Further, Rs 80 crore will be given to the Elevate Beyond Bengaluru programme. We have 30% of startups from Tier-1 and 2 cities. We want to take them to Tier-3.

for deep tech startups.

“The government is investing Rs 100 crore and the private sector will provide Rs 200 crore,” Priyank said.

Also under the LEAP, various

centres of excellence will be established based on the local economy.

“For example, we have marine biotech in Mangaluru. We’re also bringing out a biodiversity policy. We’re setting up an agri-tech accelerator in Kalaburagi. There’s potential for electric vehicle manufacturing in Belagavi. So, we’ll come up with a plan depending on local needs,” he said.

The government is setting aside Rs 120 crore for Karnataka Start-up Foundry. “We’ll have plug-and-play facilities. There won’t be a need to open an office,” Priyank said.

Another Rs 150 crore will be provided to the Elevate Next programme. “So far, a total of 1,068

startups have received grants under the Elevate programme,” the minister said.

Further, Rs 80 crore will be given to the Elevate Beyond Bengaluru programme. “We have 30% of startups from Tier-1 and 2 cities. We want to take them to Tier-3.”

While the LEAP is designed as a 5-year programme, Priyank hopes to achieve targets in three years.

“We’re not a product nation. The idea is to become one. We need to groom the ecosystem, provide training, subsidies and incentives. If it intends to become a product nation, then that revolution will start from Karnataka,” Priyank said.

in GST on commercial rent and cooking gas would make a far greater impact, since those costs are far higher than ingredients”.

Sweet shops and bakeries had mixed responses. Large chains such as Anand Sweets and Iyengar bakeries have already cut prices on namkeens, biscuits, cookies, cakes and certain dairy-rich sweets. Others, including VB Bakery, Thoms Bakery and Vidyarthi Bhavan, are still assessing pricing adjustments.

Supermarkets, meanwhile, face their own challenges. One major retailer noted, “We bought stock at 18% GST, but must now sell at 5%. On some items, that’s a 13% gap. We hope the government refunds the excess tax paid under the old slab”.

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CHANGE OF NAME
I, **HEMANTH KUMAR M**, residing at No. 172, Ojili Meadows Flat No. B1, 2nd Floor, Seppings Road, Shivajinagar, Bangalore - 560001 have changed my name to **J M BHALAJEELAKAANTH** vide affidavit dated 22-09-2025 sworn before notary **Y.R.Chandrashekar**, Bangalore. Henceforth I shall be called as **J M BHALAJEELAKAANTH** only

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MOHAN G**, residing at No. 172, Ojili Meadows Flat No. B1, 2nd Floor, Seppings Road, Shivajinagar, Bangalore - 560001 have changed my name to **R.G.MOHAN KRISHNA** vide affidavit dated 22-09-2025 sworn before notary **Y.R.Chandrashekar**, Bangalore. Henceforth I shall be called as **R.G.MOHAN KRISHNA** only

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **DHEEPAAN G V, DHEEPAAN VAITHIAPPAN & DHEEPAAN GOVINDAN VAITHIAPPAN**, S/o Vaithiappan Govindan, residing at plot no. 61, Anni Anjugam Street, Suban Nagar 3rd Part, Old Pallavaram, Kancheepuram, Tamilnadu - 600117, declare that the above names pertain to me. Henceforth I shall be called as **DHEEPAAN GOVINDAN VAITHIAPPAN** vide affidavit 20.09.2025 before notary S.Subashini, Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SAMEER KHAN**, residing at plot no. 17/1, 1st Cross, 3rd Main Road, Behind Adi Kabir Ashram, Mothi Nagar, R.T. Nagar Post, Bengaluru-560032, have changed my name to **SAMEER SHARIEFF** vide affidavit Certificate No. IN-KA47860403073938X, dated 22.09.2025 before notary A. Idinabba, Law/LC/292/21, Bengaluru.

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I, **ViJayamma**, R/at No. 17, 17th Cross, 7th Main, Near Home Needs, BTM 2nd Stage, Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru - 560076 have changed my name to **VIJAYA RAJAGOPAL** vide affidavit dated 22.09.2025 before notary A Gerard, Bengaluru. Henceforth I shall be called **VIJAYA RAJAGOPAL** only

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **KUMAR**, Residing at No. 242, Sri Shivaruda Swamy Mata, Peenya, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru - 560058, have changed my minor daughter's name from **ELAKYA. K** to **ILAKKIYA. K** vide affidavit dated 22.9.2025 before notary B. Prasanna, Bengaluru. Henceforth she shall be known as **ILAKKIYA.K** only.

I, RANI W/O H R Krishna Prasad born on 01/01/1971 residing at 2171, Karthikeya, 4th Cross, E Block, Netthaji Circle, Datagalli 3rd Stage, Mysuru, have changed my name to **VEDA G S** vide affidavit dated 29-Mar-2024 at Mysuru.

ANNOUNCEMENT
I, **Anoop Babu S/o Babu** Aged 30 Yrs, R/at Room No 502, SA Gardenia, No.1, 6th Cross, New Gurupannapalya, BTM 1st Stage, Bengaluru-560028, declare that in my daughter's Birth certificate wrongly mentioned as **Nilda Anoop**, instead of her correct Name **NILDA KRANTI**, vide affidavit dated 16.09.2025 before notary S.Samuel Solomon, Bengaluru. Henceforth she shall be called as **NILDA KRANTI**.

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Cabinet reshuffle likely before Winter Session: Saleem Ahmed

NEW DELHI, DHNS: Chief Whip for the Congress in the Legislative Council Saleem Ahmed on Monday hinted that Chief Minister Siddaramaiah could possibly reshuffle the Karnataka Cabinet in December, probably ahead of the Winter Session of the state legislature.

“Siddaramaiah will complete two-and-a-half years as the CM in November. Senior party leaders are of the view that, after two years, a Cabinet rejig is necessary to infuse fresh energy into the government,” Ahmed told journalists in New Delhi.

He said that half the Cabinet would be replaced, with the ministers divested of their portfolios likely to be tasked with party work.

Underscoring the need to strengthen the party organisation ahead of elections to local bodies including zilla and taluk panchayats, Ahmed added, “The party may ask some of the senior ministers to take on organisational responsibilities and ask the CM to induct new faces.”

Expressing hopes for a Cabinet berth, Ahmed said, “In the past two decades, minority leaders from Kittur Karnataka region have not been given a Cabinet post. Since I hail from that region, I hope the CM considers me for a ministerial post.”

Didn't meet Amit Shah: DKS

NEW DELHI, DHNS: Dismissing rumours about meeting Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar on Monday said he had not met any BJP leaders.

“I am not mad to meet Shah. Some people spread this kind of news. They always want to keep me in the news. Some people will not get sleep unless they remember me,” he told reporters here. Shivakumar, who also holds the Water Resources portfolio, was here to meet advocates regarding interstate water disputes.

To a question on Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis' opposition to increasing the height of Almatti reservoir, the deputy chief minister said, “Neighbouring state is unnecessarily opposing our proposal to increase the height. Let the BJP leaders and union ministers from Karnataka, including Pralhad Joshi and Shobha Karandlaje, and senior leaders like Basavaraj Bommai take up the matter with the BJP central leaders and ask Fadnavis not to oppose the project.”

Ganga basin going through...

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Even more striking are two unprecedented seven-year drought events that occurred between 1991 and 2020. Among these, the 2004-2010 drought ranks as the most severe of the past 1,300 years, whereas 1991-1997 was the second-worst seven-year drought period. Both rank among the 10 longest droughts in the Ganga basin's 1,300-year history.

The severity of the drying trend cannot be explained by natural variability and is not captured by global climate models, which predict a rise in streamflow with global warming.

“Climate models mostly tell us about the response to greenhouse gas emissions and can't capture such a complex trend responsible for declining rainfall,” Mishra said, the recent drying trend was due to declining monsoon rainfall.

Scientist said that the factors influencing such a trend may include interactions between the forces driving summer monsoon precipitation, trends in the large-scale climate, anthropogenic warming, and aerosol emissions. The study has appeared in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Dasara is a festival of peace and harmony: Banu Mushtaq

It is all-inclusive cultural fest, says the Booker awardee

MYSURU, DHNS

International Booker Prize winner Banu Mushtaq on Monday said Goddess Chamundeshwari is a symbol of courage, compassion, and justice, especially for women.

Speaking after inaugurating the 415th edition of Naada Habba Mysuru Dasara atop Chamundi Hill by lighting the traditional lamp before the idol of Goddess Sri Chamundeshwari Devi and offering flowers, she said, “Let her blessings eradicate hatred and intolerance.”

She recalled how Mysuru's Urdu-speaking community has unique terms for each day of Dasara, with Vijayadashami called silingan.

“Dasara is an all-inclusive cultural festival. Its message should spread across the globe at a time when the world is suffering from wars between a few nations. Dasara is a festival of peace and harmony. We can win in life, not with arms, but with Akshara (alphabets or literature, knowledge) and prosper with love,” she said.

She also mentioned her uncle, Sepoy Mohammad Ghouse, who served in the Maharaja's bodyguards regiment, underscoring the trust reposed in Muslim soldiers.

Mushtaq said that a vow had been fulfilled through her visit. “A close friend had prayed to Chamundeshwari that if I won the Booker Prize, I would come here. Today, the Devi herself



International Booker Prize winner Banu Mushtaq offers floral tributes to the idol of Goddess Chamundeshwari, placed in a silver chariot, at the inaugural function of the Mysuru Dasara 2025, atop the Chamundi Hill, in Mysuru, on Monday. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and other dignitaries are seen. DH PHOTO

has brought me.”

On the occasion, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said, “The messages of humanity by Banu Mushtaq were eye-opening and she has inaugurated the festival meaningfully”.

He said, “The society should not be divided in the name of caste or religion, for selfish motives and political reasons. Let's do politics during elections. Not always. Appeasement politics would only be



(Left) Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, the scion of the erstwhile royal family, holds the private Darbar at the Mysuru palace on the first day of Navaratri festivities on Monday. (Above) The illumination on the Sayyaji Rao Road attracts hordes of visitors.

Derogatory remarks: MLA B P Harish questioned

SHIKARIPURA (SHIVAMOGGA DISTRICT), DHNS

Harihar MLA B P Harish was interrogated at the town police station on Monday in connection with a case registered against him for making derogatory remarks against Davangere Superintendent of Police Uma Prashanth during a recent press conference.

DySP Keshav, appointed as

the inquiry officer, had summoned the legislator. Harish arrived at the station at 11.30 am. Before his arrival, the officer reviewed the video of the controversial press meet. The interrogation lasted two hours in a closed room, with only essential staff present.

Speaking to reporters after the questioning, Harish said he did not intend to personally target the SP. “It is not right to appease anyone in the sys-

tem. Recognition must come as per norms. Officers should discharge duties that bring respect to the system. I have respect for the law and have answered all questions,” he said.

The MLA had earlier courted controversy by likening the SP to a pomeranian dog, alleging that the officer “waits like a dog” for members of the Shamarur family, while ignoring others.

Let light of Dasara spread message of peace: Banu

Dasara, from Page 1

“Culture should be a bridge between the people and develop love among them. It is a harmonious symphony of various voices and the essence of unity in diversity,” she said. “It respects all, hurts none, and does not spread hatred. Our heritage tells us that ours

is a ‘garden of peace for all communities’ (Sarva Jananagada Shanthiya Thota),” Banu Mushtaq said.

“My religious beliefs have not gone beyond my house. My understanding of Hindu culture and my relationship with it is evident in the book ‘Booker Banu Baduku Baraha’, scheduled to be released

by Kannada Book Authority on Tuesday,” Banu Mushtaq said.

Speaking after the inauguration, Siddaramaiah said, “Messages of humanity by Banu Mushtaq were an eye-opener. Society should not be divided in the name of caste or religion, for selfish motives and political reasons.”

AI to set VTU question papers

VTU, from Page 1

The university is also interested in implementing AI for exam evaluation.

“In every semester, we witness erratic evaluation by some of the faculty members and as per our examination and evaluation rules, we can-

not initiate action against them if the difference in marks between the first and second evaluations is less than 15. Our idea is to have the second evaluation done using AI,” the vice chancellor said.

He also felt the standard of question papers needed to be improved. “We feel that if a

proper command is given, AI will set a good-quality question paper. In the AI era, as a technical university, we need to make proper use of this technology. We are waiting for the companies to submit reports on the task we have assigned to them to run a trial,” Vidyashankar added.

MP's wife falls victim to...

Cyber fraud, from Page 1

They promised to return the money within 45 minutes.

Under coercion, Dr Preeti transferred a total of Rs 14 lakh from her HDFC Bank account to a Yes Bank account specified by the fraudsters using RTGS (Real-Time Gross Settlement). Upon realising she had been cheated, she immediately contacted the police.

Swift recovery

The victim's swift complaint played a crucial role in the re-

covery of the funds. The same evening, a case was registered at the CEN Police Station, West Division.

DCP West division Girish S told DH that the complainant called the National Cyber Helpline number 1930 within the ‘Golden Hour’ — the critical period immediately following a cyber fraud. This quick complaint helped the police to freeze the fraudulently transferred funds in the unknown Yes Bank account.

The Bengaluru Cyber Police then moved the 47th ACJM Court, which on September

3, ordered Yes Bank to transfer the frozen amount back to Dr Preeti's account. This led to the full recovery and return of the amount within just one week of the occurrence of the crime. The investigation to trace and apprehend the accused is still ongoing.

The Bengaluru Police Department has issued a public notice, urging victims of cyber fraud to act immediately by calling the National Cyber Helpline number 1930 and registering a complaint at the nearest police station to prevent further financial loss.

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No: EE/PWD/BD/TS-6/KKRDB/2025-26/3283 Dated : 18.09.2025

KPPP Brief Tender Notification for preparation of detailed project reports (DPR's) for the proposed works to be takenup under KKRDB & CEPMIZ (Two Cover Sysytem)
The Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Division, Ballari is inviting tenders for preparation of Detailed Project Reports (DPR's) for the Proposed works under KKRDB & CEPMIZ as per Standard Bidding Document (KC-4) and KPWD Norms. Two cover tender procedure as per KPPP Act shall be followed. The tender documents can be downloaded through the web-site <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> For any additional information the tenderers may contact the office of the undersigned during office working hours. The following works/ indented numbers are: **1) PWD/2025-26/SE0444, 2) PWD/2025-26/SE0443.**
Tender Process Details :
1) Tender Document can be downloaded in KPP Portal from 20.09.2025 to 29.09.2025 upto 16.00 Hours
2) Pre bid meeting on 23.09.2025 at 11.30 Hours (o/o Executive Engineer Office, PWD Division Ballari)
3) Last dates for queries of Tenders 25.09.2025 upto 16.00 Hours
4) Last date & Time for Receipt of Tenders 29.09.2025 upto 16.00 Hours
5) Date & Time for opening of Technical bid 30.09.2025 at 16.30 Hours
6) Date & Time of Opening of Financial Proposal: will be informed separately to those consultants whose technical proposal is accepted.
7) Corrigendums, Addendums and Modifications in Notification if any will be published in E-procurement Portal only.
Terms of Reference may be downloaded in KP-Procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka (<https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in>) from 20.09.2025. Registered Consultancy firms in E-Procurement are eligible to participate in any number of tender, But on consultancy firm is eligible to obtain Tender.
Any information can be obtained from o/o Executive Engineer Office, PWD Division Ballari during office hours on all working days and also through <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> KP-Procurement Portal Helpdesk Telephone No. 080-25501216 & 080-25501217.
**Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Public Works Department Division, Ballari.**

IT sector to see only marginal impact of...

IT sector, from Page 1

Meanwhile, Indian stock markets have responded instantly to Trump's new move. As investors recalculated risk, Indian IT stocks fell on Monday, with the Nifty-IT index down 2.6-3.5% and behemoths like TCS, Infosys, Wipro, and Cognizant falling by 2-6%.

Praveen Joshi, MD & a founding member of RSK Business Solutions, said more than just a change to the law, the recently announced \$100,000 charge for new H-1B visa applications marks a turning point for Indian software companies.

“H-1B has facilitated revenue flows, talent mobility and cross-border delivery models for many years. The cost structure has changed significantly, and startups and mid-sized businesses are particularly at risk,” he said.

“Companies that move quickly, localise recruitment, invest in automation, go back to offshore delivery, and are

frugal will succeed. Companies that resist change risk losing not only their strategic importance but also their bottom lines,” Joshi added.

After the initial confusion about the applicability of the new rule, the White House had clarified that the measure will not affect current visa holders and will apply as a one-time fee only to fresh petitions.

“This has helped address the immediate ambiguity surrounding eligibility and timelines. This alleviates concerns on business continuity and uncertainty for H-1B holders who were outside the US. Moreover, with the fee being applicable from 2026 onwards, companies will get more time to further step up skilling programmes in the US and enhance local hiring. The industry is spending more than \$1 billion on local upskilling and hiring in the US, and the number of local hires has increased tremendously,” Nasscom added.

◆ WEATHER ◆

Overview: Rainfall occurred at few places over South Interior and at many places over Coastal Karnataka and North Interior Karnataka

Forecast Sept 23: Rainfall to occur at some places over the state.

INTERIOR NORTH				
Stations	Max	Min	Rain	
Belagavi	29.2	20.4	00	
Bidar	28.8	20.4	10.2	
Vijayapura	30.5	20.5	16.6	
Dharwad	29	NA	0.4	
Haveri	26.2	21.2	00	
Kalaburagi	30.2	21.4	13	
Raichur	31.6	22	00	
COASTAL				
Honnavar	29.7	25.9	1.7	
Karwar	32.4	25.6	0.8	
Shirali	NA	NA	NA	
Mangaluru	30.5	22.2	7.3	

INTERIOR SOUTH				
Stations	Max	Min	Rain	
Agumbe	NA	NA	19.5	
Bengaluru	27.4	20.6	TR	
Ballari	NA	NA	NA	
Chamarajanagar	31.1	19.5	00	
Chikkamagaluru	NA	NA	NA	
Chitradurga	29	21	00	
Davangere	30	20.5	00	
Hassan	27.3	19.2	00	
Mysuru	29	20	01	
Madikeri	NA	NA	NA	
Kolar	29	20.4	00	
OTHER STATIONS				
New Delhi	35.3	24.4	00	
Kolkata	34.5	27	0.7	
Mumbai	30.4	24.3	03	
Chennai	32.5	25.4	04	
Pune	30.2	21.7	00	
Hyderabad	32.3	21.2	23	
Th'puram	33.8	23.9	10	

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TENDER NOTIFICATION (THROUGH “e-Procurement” ONLY)
On behalf of Governor of Karnataka invites tenders on ITEM basis on e-procurement portal for the following work from **KPWD Class I/CPWD Class I (AAA) Contractor & above Contractors**. The intending bidders shall submit bids as an Individual / Joint Venture (JV).
The “contractor” herein means either an individual contractor or JV or a firm or a company. The blank tender documents can be obtained through website (<http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in>) and can be submitted through electronic tender only. The Details of work put to tender are as follows:
Name of Work: Capital Dredging at Old Port Mangalore (Bengre Side). Approximate Amount put to tender (Work Portion): **Rs. 28,73.63,321.74, EMD: Rs. 28.74 lakhs (Rs. 1.00 lakh e-payment + Rs. 27.74 lakh as mentioned in bid document.)**, Tender Processing Fee (Non refundable): **As specified in the KPP Portal**, Stipulated period for Completion: **15 Months (Including Monsoon)**, Bid Document: **KW-4**
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No: EE/PWD/BD/TS-6/Deposit Grants/2025-26/3182 Dated :12.09.2025

Short Term Tender Notification (Two Cover System)
The Executive Engineer, Public Works Department Division, Ballari invites the tenders for the works detailed in the table from the eligible contractors registered in Karnataka Public Works Department, through Karnataka public procurement portal. Two cover tender procedure as per KPPP Act shall be followed. The tender documents can be downloaded through the web-site <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in>. For any additional information the tenderers may contact the office of the undersigned during office working hours.

TABLE		
Sl. No.	Details of Works	Amount of Estimate (Rs. in Lakhs)
1	PWD/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT22610	178.38
2	PWD/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT24101	50.47

Note : Any changes either in tender dates or any other conditions and also re-tender, tenderers can view in KP Procurement Portal. No Separate Tender notification will be published in the News paper in this regard.

1	Venue, Date and time of Pre Bid Meeting for the works	22.09.2025 at 11.00 AM in the office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Ballari
2	Last dates for queries (through KP-procurement portal)	25.09.2025 upto 12.00 Hours
3	Last date for submission of tenders through kp-procurement portal	29.09.2025 upto 16.00 Hours
4	Date and time of opening of Technical Bids	30.09.2025 at 16.30 Hours in the office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Ballari

**Sd/- Executive Engineer,
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GST reform: A reset for growth

With the GST (Goods and Services Tax) 2.0 in force, India has entered a new era of indirect taxation, which is simpler and more rational than the past regimes. GST brought uniformity to the diverse taxation regimes in the country and helped shape a national tax grid. It has helped to better integrate the economy at the national level and made the inter-state trade and business easier. Over the eight years since the launch of the tax, some of the shortcomings of the regime have come to the surface. A systemic change with wide-ranging implications always throws up fresh challenges – GST has been no exception. It is time for course correction in the regime to ensure that the system functions smoothly while helping the economy retain its core strength.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in an address to the nation on Sunday, called the new tax regime a “festival of savings” and linked it to the idea of swadeshi and self-reliance. His descriptions have a special relevance at a time when the country is trying to cope with the disruptions caused by the punitive tariffs and other policy decisions of the United States President Donald Trump. The simplification of the regime – from a four-slabs system to a two-slabs system – is bound to make a large number of goods and services cheaper. The Prime Minister made the assurance that the benefits of the new GST would be passed on to the consumer. This can lead to an increase in savings, create more demand and raise consumption, and give a boost to the economy.

The government is unlikely to admit it, but the restructuring of GST, which was under consideration for a long time, found critical momentum with the US administration’s trade-related decisions. The Prime Minister has been the face of this policy shift, though the decisions were taken collectively by the GST Council, which is a representative constitutional body of both the Centre and the states. This has attracted criticism by the Opposition, which has also pointed out that the ruling BJP was not in favour of the GST when it was being pursued by the UPA government. While the politics of claims and counter-claims will continue, what is undeniable is that the new GST regime marks a new chapter in India’s taxation history. If the projections are on target and if the estimated rise in consumption boosts the economy, the government must complement the reform in taxation with proactive policies in other areas as well.

Geopolitical shifts accelerated GST 2.0. Now, the bet is on lower rates to boost the economy

In the inclusive spirit of Dasara

The curtains have finally fallen on an unnecessary and divisive controversy surrounding the inauguration of the world-famous Mysuru Dasara. International Booker Prize-winning author Banu Mushtaq inaugurated the festivities on Monday, bringing an end to weeks of political drama and legal battles. Both the Karnataka High Court and the Supreme Court had already dismissed petitions seeking to revoke her invitation. The sustained opposition to her presence, spearheaded by BJP leaders, has once again exposed communal designs to derail even the most inclusive of state events.

Last week, the High Court dismissed former Mysuru BJP MP Pratap Simha’s petition, which accused Mushtaq of having made “anti-Hindu” statements, making her unfit to inaugurate the event. The court held that Mushtaq was an accomplished personality whose literary achievements made her a deserving guest. It also affirmed that the participation of someone from one faith in the celebration of another in no way infringed upon constitutional rights. The Supreme Court not only upheld this decision but also delivered a sharp reminder of constitutional values. When the petitioner, H S Gaurav, argued that a non-Hindu could not conduct the inaugural *pooja* at the Chamundeshwari Temple, Justice Vikram Nath retorted by asking whether he had read the Preamble of the Constitution. Highlighting the doctrine of secularism enshrined in the Constitution, the bench reiterated that the government cannot discriminate on religious grounds as Dasara is a State-sponsored event, not a private ritual.

The objections to Mushtaq’s invitation were built on the flimsiest of grounds. A statement she once made about Goddess Bhuvaneshwari was distorted and weaponised, but no one doubted that the real objection lay in her being a Muslim. This is disingenuous and dangerous. Mysuru Dasara has always been celebrated as Karnataka’s *Nadahabba*, the festival of the land. It has a long and inclusive history: Hyder Ali and Tipu Sultan celebrated it, Diwan Mirza Ismail organised it during the reign of Krishnaraja Wadiyar, and in 2017, poet Nissar Ahmed inaugurated it. Karnataka’s cultural heritage has always drawn strength from diversity. Kuvempu, the state’s poet-laureate, described it as *sarva janangada shantiya thota* – a garden where people of all communities live in peace. Dasara is an embodiment of this vision, not a theatre for hate politics. Those who sought to divide have only succeeded in diminishing themselves. The courts’ verdict affirms that India’s soul is secular, and its festivals embody pluralism. The divisive politics surrounding Mushtaq’s invitation ultimately failed to overshadow the true spirit of Mysuru Dasara, a celebration of Karnataka’s diverse heritage and the nation’s commitment to secularism.

The courts' response to the Banu Mushtaq row reaffirms the pluralist credentials of India's festivals

The new Act deviates from judicial precedents that distinguished between games of skill and games of chance

SUDHANSHU KUMAR, HARSHA N AND ADITI PANGOTRA

India has the world’s second-largest internet population. Alongside this surge in users, the country has witnessed rapid growth in e-sports, social gaming, and real-money platforms, including rummy and poker. The Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Act, 2025 (PROGA), which received President Droupadi Murmu’s assent in August, promotes e-sports and social gaming but bans online real money games, departing from judicial precedents on the skill-chance distinction. It aims to encourage e-sports and social gaming segments, while banning all forms of ORMGs and their promotions. PROGA deviates from the landmark precedents of the Supreme Court and the high courts, which differentiated between games of skill and games of chance.

In the past, state legislatures had made numerous attempts to blur the distinction between skill and chance. The courts have struck them down and reaffirmed the distinction. Popular games like rummy and poker have also been subjects of dispute. The Supreme Court in *State of Bombay v R.M.D. Chamarbaigwala* (1957), *State of Andhra Pradesh v. K Satyanarayan and Others* (1968), and *Dr K.R. Lakshmanan v State of Tamil Nadu* (1996), has upheld the distinction. The apex court, while applying the “predominance of skill” test (*Chamarbaigwala*), held that games where skill outweighs chance cannot be treated as gambling. Further, it clarified that the dominant element of the game determines the nature of the game.

In *Lakshmanan*, the Supreme Court explained that success in a game of skill requires superior knowledge, training, attention, experience, and adroitness on the part of the player. For example, in *Satyanarayan*, rummy was upheld as a skill-based game, while in *Lakshmanan*, horse racing was similarly recognised for requiring expertise. Both were found to satisfy the test of preponderance, requiring knowledge, training, experience, attention, and adroitness. By affirming that these activities rely predominantly on skill rather than chance, the courts decisively reinforced

SKILL OR CHANCE?

A ban rewrites rules of India’s online play

The principle that such pursuits are not chance, but legitimate games of skill.

The Madras High Court, in *All India Gaming Federation v. State of Tamil Nadu* (2023), clarified that both online rummy and online poker qualify as games of skill and therefore, fall within the right to trade and business under Article 19(1)(g) and Article 301. The Karnataka High Court, in *All India Gaming Federation v. State of Karnataka* (2021), held as unconstitutional the ban on all forms of online gaming involving risk of money, irrespective of whether they were games of skill or chance, via the Karnataka Police (Amendment) Act 2021. The court reasoned that



the amendment to the Act was held to be violative of Article 14 of the Constitution, as it was unjustifiably selective and imposed an absolute embargo on all games of skill, thereby defying the principle of proportionality.

Furthermore, this categorisation of skill and chance has not been limited to legal discourse; it has also received attention from mathematical and statistical perspectives. A range of mathematical and statistical studies has reinforced the distinction between games of skill and games of chance by adopting a divergent approach. A 2023 study by the Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata, found that success in rummy is significantly influenced by skill. Likewise, researchers at the Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi, concluded that online card games demand a predominance of skill for consistent success. In 2007, Noga Alon, a mathematician, demonstrated that poker is primarily skill-based, with outcomes shaped by a player’s ability to calculate odds and probabilities rather than mere luck.

A doctrinal shift
Together, judicial precedents and studies reaffirm that games where skill predominates, such as rummy, poker,

horse racing, and fantasy sports, cannot be equated with gambling but are legitimate, constitutionally safeguarded activities rooted in expertise and strategy.

In the current context, PROGA, in its definition of an online money game, does not distinguish between skill and chance. The question that arises is whether the prior jurisprudence of ‘games of skill’ and ‘games of chance,’ along with the established tests, will now fall under the blanket umbrella of ORMGs. Under such a definition, variants of games like poker and rummy would be classified as ORMGs, which defies the very distinction that has existed since 1957, as established by the legal precedents. Sections 5, 6, and 7 of PROGA show a deviation from the precedents that differentiate between skill and chance. They unilaterally ban all games where real money is used, regardless of the level of skill required to play and win real money. This Act would essentially remove the intelligible difference that the courts have established time and again.

If so, PROGA represents not just a legislative intervention but a doctrinal shift, raising important questions about the balance between regulatory objectives, constitutional guarantees under Articles 19(1)(g) and 301, and the continuing relevance of judicially evolved distinctions in the Indian gaming ecosystem.

ORMG platforms have challenged the PROGA before the Karnataka High Court, Delhi High Court, and the Madhya Pradesh High Court. The petitioners contend that the Act is ultra vires, vague, and disproportionate, and violates their fundamental rights under Articles 14, 19, and 21 of the Constitution. They further argue that the blanket ban disregards established judicial precedents, which have recognised skill-based gaming as a legitimate business activity.

The Supreme Court agreed to consolidate all similar challenges for a joint hearing starting September 8. Its decision on the petitions will be crucial, either reaffirming the distinction between skill and chance or endorsing a new doctrine. Is this the sunset of the sunrise sector? Meanwhile, on September 18, IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw announced that the PROGA, which bans India’s \$23-billion online money gaming industry, will come into effect on October 1, while the rules for the DPDPA, 2023, will be notified by September 28.

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RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE

The joy of waiting

From Doordarshan to OTT watchlists, patience gave way to instant frenzy

DOLLY JOHN

In the 1980s era of terrestrial television, we had to power on our Dyanora set manually. It buzzed loudly – crude, but music to our ears as children. The brand’s tagline was “keep in touch”. The Doordarshan montage, which seemed to take an eternity, signalled that programmes were about to begin. News bulletins, introduced with a heavy signature tune designed to command attention, were read by readers who were celebrities in their own right: Salma Sultan, Shammi Narang, and Rini Simon, among several others. We would play guessing games about who would appear on screens that evening.

Ad jingles were melodic and catchy with simple themes – the sort you wouldn’t want to skip, even if you could. There was Sunil Gavaskar endorsing

Dinesh Suitings, Kapil Dev saying ‘Pal-molive *dajawaab nahi*’ at the height of his popularity, and Salman Khan singing in a breezy Campa Cola ad. Many of these commercials, now circulating on social media, bring a rush of nostalgia to Gen-Xers for a vanished world.

Our favourite programmes—*Giant Robot*, *He-Man*, *Malgudi Days*, *Humlog*, *Chitrahaar* and the weekly films—were broadcast on certain days. We awaited them keenly. Waiting, indeed, was the defining feature of our viewing.

That patience carried us into the late 1980s and even the 1990s. A youthful Prannoy Roy, with his familiar “Good evening and welcome”, introduced us to *‘The World This Week’* on Doordarshan—a window to international news. In the 1990s, S P Singh would close the Aaj Tak bulletin with “*intezaar kijiye kal tak*” (wait until tomorrow), and we did just that.

From frugal television menus we have moved on to convergence – now we can binge endlessly, 24x7. Content is king. There is, to be sure, a wealth of storytelling available thanks to OTT

platforms. Everything is immediate. Advertisements intrude from every direction, but that, we are told, is engagement – the queen.

No longer do we wait for programmes; an OTT giant tells us our watchlist is waiting. Everything is marketed as “binge-worthy”. Watch this, watch that, watch it all – for there is no tomorrow.

Everything is faster and noisier now. Frenzy and FOMO consume us as we binge. We slip into our own little private universes in search of more novel, more visceral experiences. While new content can indeed educate and enlighten, it is often explicit and unfiltered, overstimulating and addictive. Where to draw the line is anyone’s guess.

Interestingly, I recently read of a Seattle-based company that has developed a tin-can phone. Similar to a landline, it is designed for parents keen to delay handing their children a mobile. It allows social autonomy, but with parental controls – only approved contacts can call. That, surely, is going back in time!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Self-reliance in economy and technology is not optional

Apropos ‘Trump’s H-1B directive and India’s dilemma’ (Sep 22), the recent fallout of US trade tariffs and the H-1B visa shocker has exposed India’s economic vulnerabilities. For over three decades, New Delhi and Washington have nurtured a so-called strategic partnership; however, America’s ruthless protectionist moves have laid bare the risks of dependence on foreign powers for growth and employment. Despite publicly hailing Prime Minister Narendra Modi as a close friend and praising India as a great

nation, US President Donald Trump has imposed punitive tariffs and exorbitant H-1B visa fees that undermine Indian professionals and industries. While this duplicity is neither new nor surprising, for India, the lesson is stark: self-reliance in economy and technology is not optional but essential. The country’s abundant talent and youthful population must be harnessed with the right mix of policy, investment, and innovation.

N Sadhasiva Reddy, Bengaluru

Not about quotas

Apropos ‘Women form less than 9% of state police, says NLSIU report’ (Sep 22), the finding is a wake-up call. A system designed by men, for men, continues to shut out women through poor facilities, outdated policies, and entrenched biases. Sensitive handling of crimes against women is not possible when women are barely present in uniform. This is not about token quotas – it is about justice. A diverse police force is stronger, fairer, and more trusted. Karnataka must

reform recruitment, infrastructure, and training so that women are not treated as “guests” in the system but as equal defenders of law.

Saisha Verma, Bengaluru

No relief in sight

Apropos ‘CM slams officials, gives one month to fix potholes’ (Sep 21), Chief Minister Siddaramaiah’s directive to fix Bengaluru’s potholes within a month is a step in the right direction. However, filling potholes provides only temporary relief,

as they can reappear after a single shower. The real solution lies in better coordination among government agencies that dig up roads and fail to fill them properly. With the piped gas scheme by GAIL likely to create more potholes, commuters will face increased difficulties.

CV Aravind, Bengaluru

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SPEAK OUT

The communist government in Kerala has hurt the devotees’ sentiments. If the government has true faith, it should withdraw the affidavit (for allowing women aged 10 to 50 to enter the sanctum sanctorum of Sabarimala).

The party that stands by Lord Ayyappa must be elected – that is our appeal to the people.

K Annamalai, BJP leader

A union of government and religion tends to destroy government and to degrade religion.

Hugo Black

TO BE PRECISE



IN PERSPECTIVE

Saudi-Pak axis shapes new order

The defence pact highlights the rise of fluid, interest-driven alliances. India must recalibrate its security strategy

ANAND KUMAR

The recently signed mutual defence agreement between Saudi Arabia and Pakistan has the potential to transform the security architecture of South Asia and the Gulf region. For decades, the close security relationship between Riyadh and Islamabad has been an open secret, but the latest development takes that long-standing understanding to a different level. The pact, declaring that an attack on one country will be treated as an attack on both, represents a strategic recalibration in a region already reeling from war, power vacuums, and shifting alliances. It also poses significant challenges to India’s security and diplomatic calculus.

For Gulf states unnerved by the prolonged Israel-Hamas conflict and the devastation in Gaza, the Israeli strike on Doha in Qatar, where senior Hamas leaders were reportedly staying, reinforced fears that their security could be violated with impunity. More troubling was the soft response of the United States, traditionally the guarantor of Gulf security. Washington’s silence deepened perceptions of US retrenchment, a trend visible since the cautious US reaction to the 2019 attacks on Saudi oil facilities by Iranian-linked forces. For Saudi Arabia, long reliant on the American security umbrella, the episode underscored the need to diversify alliances and hedge against American unpredictability.

Pakistan fits naturally into this equation. A long-time partner of Riyadh and the only Muslim-majority country with nuclear weapons, Islamabad offers military expertise and deterrence. In a televised interview, Pakistan’s Defence Minister Khawaja Moham-mad Asif stated that Pakistan’s nuclear capabilities “will be made available” to Saudi Arabia if required under the new agreement. This is the first open acknowledgement that Islamabad is willing to place the kingdom under its nuclear umbrella, an announcement that has an impact in both the Middle East and South Asia.

Pakistani officials insist the pact is not aimed at any specific country, but it is clear that Pakistan is responding to recent Israeli actions and a shifting regional order. For Pakistan, it provides an opportunity to position itself as a key Gulf security actor at a time when the US role is diminishing. Islamabad stands to gain not only geopolitical leverage but also the possibility of renewed Saudi financial assistance.

In the Gulf, the agreement complicates an already volatile environment. The US-bro-

kered Abraham Accords, which sought to bring Arab states and Israel into a common anti-Iran front, have been undermined by the Gaza conflict and Israel’s aggressive actions. Saudi plans to normalise relations with Israel have stalled. By aligning more closely with Pakistan, Riyadh signals that it will chart an independent course and seek security guarantees outside the framework of US and Israeli influence. Other Gulf states could be emboldened to explore similar arrangements, further eroding the old security order.

For South Asia, the stakes are equally high. Pakistan’s willingness to extend its nuclear deterrence to Saudi Arabia adds a new layer of complexity to the region’s already fraught nuclear balance. India now faces the prospect of Pakistan’s nuclear capabilities being indirectly linked to the security of a major Gulf power.

India’s diplomatic challenge

Over the past decade, New Delhi has invested considerable effort in strengthening its strategic partnership with Saudi Arabia, expanding cooperation in trade, energy, and counter-terrorism. The Ministry of External Affairs has already stated that India expects Saudi Arabia to keep mutual interests and sensitivities in mind.

New Delhi must now tread carefully to preserve its ties with Riyadh while guarding against any security risks that may arise from the Saudi-Pakistan pact. It will face a challenge in maintaining strong relations with both Israel and the Arab world while ensuring its own security interests are not compromised.

The agreement also reflects the gradual decline of US influence in South Asia and West Asia. Washington’s inability or unwillingness to respond decisively to regional crises has created a vacuum that regional actors are now rushing to fill. China, which maintains close ties with both Pakistan and Saudi Arabia, will watch these developments closely, as will Iran, which remains a rival of both Riyadh and Islamabad.

The defence pact is a reminder that alliances in the modern world are fluid and driven by immediate security concerns rather than ideological affinity. For India, this is not a crisis but a wake-up call. It must adapt to a changing regional environment in which old assumptions about US dominance, Arab-Israeli rapprochement, and South Asian nuclear stability can no longer be taken for granted. The coming months will reveal how effectively New Delhi can navigate this new and unpredictable security landscape, where the lines between South Asia and West Asia are increasingly blurred and where the actions of distant capitals can have immediate consequences at home.

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You deserve the truth, not AI’s interpretation of it

LIZ CORBIN AND VINCENT PEYRÈGNE

We all want to understand the world around us. Perhaps we want more clarity about the war in Gaza or what our government is doing about the healthcare our family relies on. It might be something as simple as changes to a bus route that will affect our daily commute. No matter how momentous or mundane the issue, we have a right to news we can trust. We’ve all been there, scrolling our feed, seeing an astonishing clip or a shocking must-share story. But now we must constantly question what’s real and what’s the creation of artificial intelligence. AI-generated output is so convincing today and shaping so much of the information we consume that we risk being unable to trust anything anymore. And mistrust is the fuel that drives conspiracism, social polarisation and democratic disengagement. In reality, the integrity of what we call ‘news’ is being eroded by the tools that are meant to help us make sense of the world. This World News Day, we want to underline that the public are entitled to the

facts that professional journalists and the organisations they work for worldwide are committed to finding, corroborating and sharing. However, the technology companies building AI systems that millions of people use daily are falling far short of their responsibility to truth. Original research carried out this year by the BBC found that half of AI-generated answers to news-related requests left out important details and made other key errors. The AI assistants they tested consistently churned out garbled facts, fabricated or misattributed quotes, decontextualised information or paraphrased reporting with no acknowledgment. So what? It is useful and saves time; it will improve, and we can live with the errors. Except we are not talking about a cake recipe or holiday recommendations. Democracy is at stake, because a society with no common understanding of what’s true can’t make informed choices. And individuals who rely on a deceptive distortion of originally independent, accurate journalism risk losing themselves in a toxic mire

of half-truths and bad-faith manipulation. This isn’t faraway, abstract paranoia. The internet is already inundated with synthetic fakery designed to deceive, drive clicks, and promote vested interests. AI-generated voices, faces, and headlines are degrading the information ecosystem, often with no clear provenance or accountability. Meanwhile, the output of journalists serving the public interest, especially in local, regional, and independent media, is being scraped without permission, algorithmically repackaged, and redistributed with no credit or compensation. This phenomenon is arguably more pernicious than the glaring, outrageous deep-fakes we have all seen because the inaccuracies are subtle, plausible and more likely to mislead. We are witnessing the sabotage of news we need to be able to rely on, and that is draining already depleted reserves of public trust.

So, what can be done? The European Broadcasting Union and WAN-IFRA, together with a fast-growing collective of other organisations representing thousands of professional journalists and newsrooms around the world, are calling for urgent changes to how AI developers interact with news and the people who produce it. Many of the broadcasters and news publishers we represent are using AI responsibly to enhance their journalism without compromising editorial integrity, such as through automating translation, helping detect misinformation, or personalising content. They are mindful that the deployment of these tools must be principled, transparent and carefully handled. That’s why we are presenting five clear requirements to AI tech companies. These are not radical; they are realistic, common-sense standards that any ethical techology developer can and should embrace:



No content without consent. AI systems must not be trained on news content without permission. That content is intellectual property created through rigorous work and public trust. Unsolicited scraping is theft that undermines both. Respect value. High-quality journalism is expensive to produce but vital for society’s wellbeing. AI tools benefiting from that work must compensate its creators fairly and in good faith. Be transparent. When AI-generated content feeds on news sources, those sources should always be clearly cited and linked because accuracy and attribution matter. We are entitled to know where information came from and if it differs from the original. Protect diversity. AI tools should amplify pluralistic, independent, public interest journalism. A robust, healthy information environment requires a representative cross-section of voices. Work with us. We invite AI companies to enter a serious, solutions-driven dialogue with the news industry. Together, we can develop standards for accuracy, safety, and transparency, but only if tech companies

see journalists as partners and not as suppliers of free data to be mined and monetised. We consider this a civic challenge that affects every person who relies on credible information to make decisions about their life, to form credible opinions or to decide whom to vote for. Tech companies talk a lot about trust, but trust is not built on talk. We’re calling on the leaders of the AI revolution to get a handle on this problem now. They have the power to shape the future of information, but we don’t yet see them taking their tools’ dangerous shortcomings, and the potential consequences of them, seriously enough. Without urgent, corrective action, AI won’t just distort the news – it will destroy the public’s ability to trust in anything and anyone, which will be disastrous news for us all. (Liz is Director of News, EBU, and Vincent is the CEO, WAN-IFRA) (DH is part of the global initiative to mark World News Day on September 28, and this article is the first in a series that will be published as part of this initiative)

The wars in Ukraine, Gaza, and Sudan will hang over the annual gathering of the UN General Assembly this week in New York. So, too, will budget and identity crises

FARNAZ FASSIHI

When world leaders converge on New York City this week for the annual gathering of the UN General Assembly, the organisation will be observing its 80th anniversary. But the mood is far from celebratory, as wars rage around the world, a budget crisis looms and questions abound about whether the UN is even relevant anymore. Year after year, UN officials and world leaders use the annual gathering to put forth lofty ideas and offer elaborate road maps for change. But tangible progress remains stubbornly elusive. Russia’s war against Ukraine is more than three years old. The Israel-Hamas conflict in the Gaza Strip has been raging for nearly two years. And the world is still nowhere near achieving its goals on development or a solution for climate change. Even the United Nations’ global humanitarian aid work – one of the few areas where the organisation has continued to excel and lead the world – is now threatened by budget cuts, donor apathy and staff reductions.

“We can actually say we are in an organisation that is in sort of a free fall,” said Richard Gowan, the UN director for the International Crisis Group, adding that this week is not “going to offer us clear answers to all the UN’s problems, but it may give us a more acute sense exactly how difficult the situation is.”

Still, the annual meeting is a big stage. In addition to President Donald Trump, more than 140 world leaders and senior officials and delegations from Russia, Ukraine, China, Iran, Syria, Israel and North Korea will convene in one place for what diplomats call the World Cup of diplomacy. It will happen against the backdrop of wars in Ukraine, Sudan and Gaza. Israel’s conduct in Gaza, and Palestinian suffering and starvation, are expected to be among the themes dominating this year’s gathering.

On the first day of the meet, the idea of Palestinian statehood will take centre stage at a conference co-hosted by France and Saudi Arabia. There, France is expected to formally recognise Palestine as a state, joining most of the other UN member states that already do. Australia, Britain and Canada did so Sunday, just before the General Assembly.

But Israel and the United States oppose the move, with US Secretary of State Marco Rubio saying it will only make Hamas “feel more emboldened.” He warned that a fresh push for Palestinian statehood could provoke an Israeli backlash.

Trump will also figure prominently at this year’s gathering, with a speaking slot early Tuesday, the first day of speeches. He returns to the United Nations podium as he has been wielding power in unilateral fashion at home and abroad. His relationship with the United Nations has long been fraught, but he has not completely dismissed it.

“There are great hopes for it but it’s not being well run; to be honest, they are not doing the job,” Trump said in February of the international body. “They’ve got to get



Residents of an apartment building after an hourlong barrage of Russian missiles and drones in Kyiv, Ukraine, in August. The war in Gaza is expected to be a main theme of discussion at this year’s General Assembly. THE NEW YORK TIMES

UN gathers amid its 80th anniversary and a ‘free fall’

their act together.”

Diplomats and UN officials say they will be closely watching Trump’s address to the General Assembly for clues on how his administration intends to engage with the United Nations in the coming year. Trump has ordered a review of US interactions with the organisation, slashed funding to many of its programmes and withdrawn from multiple UN agencies as well as from the Paris Agreement on global warming.

Dorothy Shea, the acting US ambassador to the UN, told a reception she hosted for the General Assembly that “the United States approaches this session with a clear vision, rooted in three enduring priorities: peace, sovereignty and liberty.”

UN Secretary-General António Guterres said last week at a news conference that he would be “delighted” to meet Trump. The two men have not met or spoken since Trump took office in January, despite several outreach attempts by Guterres, according to two diplomats and a senior UN official.

Seemingly appealing to Trump’s affinity for playing peacemaker, Guterres suggested the two leaders could work together in novel ways to resolve global conflicts. He said the United Nations possessed contacts, experience and expertise but had no mechanism to enforce pressure on countries or grant rewards.

The United States, however, “has carrots and sticks,” he said. “So in some situations, if

you are able to combine the two, I think we can have a very effective way to make sure that some peace processes at least can lead to a successful result.”

The United Nations has repeatedly shown itself to be unable to stem conflict. That’s because conflict resolution and prevention is the work of the UN Security Council, where geopolitical divisions among world powers cripple its work.

This year, anxiety over the organisation’s finances is also palpable. The United Nations is currently short on cash, because countries are delaying payment of their mandatory dues or not paying at all. Separately, it is also facing a budget crisis, which could prevent it from running its agencies and peacekeeping missions, after cuts from member states – especially from the United States, which has been the UN’s top donor.

Other big donors such as China, Japan and the European Union have so far not increased their financial contributions to compensate for the loss of the US funding. China also delayed its UN dues payment this year.

Robert A Wood, a former deputy ambassador to the UN during the Biden administration, said that the budget crisis amounted to a “five-alarm fire for the UN. We don’t know if a fire crew is coming to the rescue. It should be the United States, but it is causing some of the fire.”

Guterres has tried to preempt the looming

crisis with a reform plan called UN80, which calls for streamlining administrative services, getting rid of duplication, cutting back on thousands of mandates and relocating some staff from expensive hubs like New York and Geneva.

The new proposed UN budget reflects an effort to preserve itself by shrinking. The aim is to reduce the overall UN budget for 2026 by some \$500 million, which translates into a budget cut of about 15% and a 19% staff reduction, according to two senior UN officials who briefed reporters on background last week. The peacekeeping budget will see an 11.2% cut and a 13% reduction in positions, they added.

Guterres, however, in letters to member states and UN personnel, warned that the cuts won’t solve the immediate liquidity problem. Instead, he said, they are intended to better place the organisation as it deals with multiple challenges.

On Friday, at an event recognising the UN’s 80th anniversary, Guterres defended the organisation’s legacy and its future, saying, “Let us celebrate not only what has been achieved – but what still lies ahead.”

This week’s gathering also offers world leaders opportunities for one-on-one meetings. The Russian foreign minister may meet with his US counterpart as well, after diplomatic efforts between Moscow and Washington last month seemed to do little to slow the war in Ukraine.

The New York Times

Minors in adult apps, a crisis ignored

JUDIT SEBASTIAN

In recent days, Kerala was shaken by a disturbing case from Kasargod, where a minor boy was physically abused by a group of adults who had first connected through a dating app. Beyond the immediate horror of the crime, the incident forces us to ask a deeper, systemic question: what business does a minor have on a dating app in the first place, and why are so many of our children exposed to digital spaces designed for adults?

Minors across India are increasingly uploading explicit or suggestive content on social media. The algorithms reward attention, not responsibility. Each like and each share reinforces risky behaviour. Parents, educators, and lawmakers are struggling to keep pace, and in the vacuum, children are left unprotected.

From a legal standpoint, India has a patchwork of protections. The Information Technology Act, 2000, prohibits the hosting or publishing of obscene content, while the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012, criminalises sexual abuse and exploitation of minors. The Juvenile Justice Act, 2015, also provides protective mechanisms. Yet none of these laws adequately address the reality of children’s unsupervised digital presence. Dating apps, streaming platforms, and social media sites all require users to be above 18, but enforcement of these restrictions remains lax. Fake ages, unchecked uploads, and anonymity combine to create an abyss where minors can easily slip through the cracks.

The socio-psychological dimensions are equally troubling. In Indian families, discussions about sexuality, relationships, and digital behaviour remain taboo. Many parents are unaware of what their children do online, or they assume moral policing alone will suffice. But moral policing without dialogue breeds secrecy, not safety. Adolescents, driven by curiosity and peer pressure, turn to the internet as their teacher and confidant. The result is a generation learning about intimacy not from guidance or care, but from distorted images, half-truths, and predatory strangers.

Psychology teaches us that adolescence is a fragile stage of identity formation. The human

brain is still developing impulse control, and exposure to adult spaces online accelerates vulnerabilities. When minors post suggestive content, it is often less about desire and more about attention, affirmation, and belonging. Yet, the digital world responds not with empathy but with exploitation. This is where law must step in firmly.

India urgently needs a dedicated regulatory framework for monitoring minors’ online activity. Technology must be leveraged not only for surveillance but also for protection. Social media platforms must be legally obligated to develop AI-driven monitoring systems that flag and restrict the uploading of adult content by accounts suspected to belong to minors. There should also be statutory requirements for stricter age verification protocols on all dating and adult-oriented apps, linked to secure identity systems, while safeguarding privacy. Failure to comply should invite heavy penalties.

At the same time, we cannot legislate away the role of families. Digital literacy must become as integral to parenting as teaching children to cross the road safely. Schools should introduce curricula on responsible digital behaviour, online boundaries, and consent. Parents should be trained to talk to their children not as moral enforcers but as guides who understand the terrain of technology.

Some critics may argue that increased monitoring risks violating children’s privacy. But what privacy does a 14-year-old truly have in an adult chatroom filled with strangers? Here, the right to protection must outweigh a premature claim to privacy. The Supreme Court of India in Justice KS Puttaswamy v. Union of India (2017) recognised privacy as a fundamental right, but it also noted that the right is subject to reasonable restrictions, especially where State interest and protection of vulnerable groups are concerned. Children are undoubtedly such a group.

Ultimately, this issue is not about law alone. It is about the kind of society we are becoming. The Kasargod incident should serve as a wake-up call. Lawmakers, judges, educators, and parents must work together to build a system that does not merely punish after harm has occurred but prevents the harm altogether.

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OUR PAGES OF HISTORY

50 YEARS AGO: SEPTEMBER 1975

Puzzling particles in Kolar gold mines

New Delhi, Sept 22 Scientists of the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Bombay (TIFR) have reported discovery of “a new class of particles” from deep underground in the Kolar gold mines in Karnataka. The new particles, whose origin has puzzled scientists, were found in the gold mines at a depth of 1,100 and 2,300 metres. According to a report by Mr. G. Rajasekaran, a scientist in the institute, published in the latest issue of “Physics News,” bulletin of the Indian Physics Association, the number of the “new type of events so far reported is six.”

25 YEARS AGO: SEPTEMBER 2000

Gopal yet to make contact with Veerappan

Bangalore, Sept 22 Nakkeeran editor RR Gopal who set out on his fourth mission to the jungles to negotiate the release of abducted film star Dr Rajkumar, is yet to establish contacts with forest brigand Veerappan, according to information reaching the Karnataka government this evening. “Mr Gopal is in Sathyamangalam forest waiting for contact as per information available to us. We have not received any news of him establishing contact with Veerappan,” Home Minister Mallikarjun Kharge told reporters here this evening.

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Defect-free goal of Vedanta

In a world where every pursuit seems laced with stress, uncertainty, and the nagging fear of loss, Vedanta quietly offers something radically different—a goal that is free of all these defects. Our ordinary achievements invariably carry three defects—suffering in pursuit, dissatisfaction even after reaching them, and bondage through dependence—but Vedanta promises a status that is free from all shortcomings.

This highest goal is not wealth, health, or relationship. It is Brahman—the infinite reality. And the startling message of the Upanishads is this: that Brahman is none other than you. The discovery is transformative. First, because Brahman is not something to

be newly created or reached—it already exists. Second, because Brahman is not even something entirely new to be known; it is our own Self, already experienced, but mistaken in status.

Before Vedantic enquiry, we take ourselves as the *jiva*—a limited, sorrow-prone individual. But scriptures reveal a higher status—*Brahmatva*, limitlessness. This creates a clash: two identities appear to coexist, the limited *jiva* and the limitless Brahman. Which is true? To resolve this, Vedanta prescribes two methods of enquiry to help cut through ignorance.

The first, *anvaya-vyatireka*, examines what continues and what perishes



across waking, dream, and deep sleep states. Body, mind and intellect come and go. But the Self, pure awareness, remains constant. Thus, I am not the body-mind-intellect but the enduring consciousness.

The second method, *adhyaropa-apavada*, examines the relationship between Self and world. Just as a pot depends on clay, the world, body, and mind depend on consciousness for existence. They are *mithya*-dependent appearances, while the Self alone is Reality—*satyam*. The world does not limit me; rather, I lend existence to it. This recognition dissolves the sense of bondage. What remains is freedom—the realisation, “I am Brahman.” This is not an acquisition but the removal of a mistaken notion. Once the false identity as a limited being falls away, what shines forth is fullness, free of sorrow, free of lack, free of dependence.

Vedanta calls this knowledge *atma-vidya* or *‘brahma-vidya’*—a knowledge that destroys ignorance and reveals one’s ever-complete nature. Unlike rituals or duties that promise results tinged with imperfection, this knowledge offers the only goal that is untainted, permanent, and truly liberating. Vedanta reminds us: nothing new is to be gained—only freedom from the illusion of limitation. And this freedom, recognised as our true Self, is called *moksha*.

'Unfortunate': Supreme Court slams selective leaks in AI crash probe

Criticises 'pilot error' narrative; issues notice to Centre, DGCA

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NEW DELHI, DHNS

The Supreme Court on Monday issued notice to the Centre, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) and others on a plea seeking an independent probe under the court's "supervision and control" into the June 12, 2025, Air India Boeing Dreamliner crash in Ahmedabad,

which claimed 260 lives. A bench comprising Justices Surya Kant and N Kotiswar Singh said it was unfortunate that a sentence from the preliminary probe report had been used to blame the pilot. The court sought a response to the petition filed by Safety Matters Foundation, an aviation safety NGO founded by Captain Amit Singh, represented by advocate Prana

nav Sachdeva. Advocate Prashant Bhushan, arguing for the petitioner, raised the issue of reports blaming the pilots for the crash. The court said it was understandable to demand a fair and impartial probe, but it was unfortunate and irresponsible to leak selective information. The bench also questioned the demand for disclosure of the Flight Data Recorder. It favoured maintaining confidentiality until the regular inquiry reaches its logical conclusion. "When this kind of tragedy happens... Boeing and Airbus will not be attributed with



fault, and the entire airline is run down," the SC said. Bhushan also cited conflict of interest as the inquiry committee also comprised officials from the regulator, DGCA. Instead of leaking information piecemeal and selectively,

confidentiality must be maintained until the regular inquiry is concluded and taken to its logical end. Of course, the process must be fair and impartial. The outcome of the inquiry should be placed in the public domain, the bench observed. The court agreed to examine the plea seeking a direction to publicly release the complete data retrieved from the crashed Air India Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner. The loss of hundreds of lives in a single catastrophic event compels the nation not only to mourn the dead but also to look to the investigative process as a source of truth, accountabil-

ity and assurance that such a disaster will not recur. The stakes, therefore, are not limited to the families of the victims but extend to every citizen, the plea said. It also sought a direction to appoint independent professionals to monitor the investigation, as the authorities' selective and incomplete disclosure of critical information, coupled with the premature attribution of pilot error while overlooking systemic faults, has resulted in a continuing violation of Article 21 and Article 14 of the Constitution. The plea contended that the preliminary report issued by

the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) is incomplete, selective and lacking in transparency, thereby undermining the credibility of the investigative process and the trust of the travelling public. The plea said that by releasing incomplete and unverified extracts of the cockpit voice recording, the respondent had created an information environment that unfairly tilted the narrative in favour of the operator and manufacturer — undermining the principles of impartiality, transparency and public accountability that ought to govern air accident investigations.

Time sought for SIR in Kerala citing local body election

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, DHNS: The election commission officials in Kerala sought time for commencing special intensive revision (SIR) of the electoral roll in view of the upcoming local body elections. Kerala chief electoral officer Rathan U Kelkar informed the election commission that since the revenue officials who are supposed to carry out the SIR are now engaged in the preparations for the local body elections that are due to before November, there will be practical difficulties in initiating SIR before the election. Hence, he recommended that the commencement of SIR in Kerala may be put on hold until the local body elections are over. Representatives of political parties who took part in the all party meeting convened by the chief electoral officer to discuss SIR on Saturday had cited the issue.

Building collapses in Indore; rescue efforts underway

INDORE, PTI: A three-storied building collapsed amid rains in Indore in Madhya Pradesh on Monday night, following which seven people were rescued while a few others are feared trapped under the debris, officials at the site said. The incident took place in Ranipura area, they added. "Initial information suggests the building is 8-10 years old. A portion of the structure fell onto an adjacent building. Around 10-12 people were said to be trapped under the debris. Seven of them have been rescued. Efforts are underway to bring out the others," Mayor Pushyamitra Bhargava said after reaching the site. Senior police and administration personnel are monitoring the search and rescue operation, an official said.

Indian filmmakers warned against casting Pak artistes

MRITYUNJAY BOSE
MUMBAI, DHNS

Any Indian filmmaker or producer who dares to cast Pakistani singers, actors, or performers will face a complete ban from the All Indian Cinema Workers' Association (AICWA)—the Mumbai-based apex body of the entertainment industry, which has asserted: "Nation comes first, always." This followed Sunday's India-Pakistan Asia Cup match, during which Pakistani batsman Sahibzada Farhan made a gun-firing gesture towards the dugout with his bat after smashing a six off Axar Patel. It may be mentioned that AICWA president Suresh Shyamal Gupta, after the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack, had made it clear that the film industry would not allow any association with its Pakistani counterparts. Sunday's incident has not gone down well in India, and AICWA was not an exception, which called it "a direct insult to India, our martyrs, and our armed forces". It added: "This is not sports-

Raut slams PM, Jay Shah
As Pakistani batter Sahibzada Farhan's gun-firing gesture during the Asia Cup match with India stirred controversy, Shiv Sena (UBT) MP Sanjay Raut launched a fresh attack on PM Narendra Modi and ICC chief Jay Shah. "We have not given Bharat Ratna... Jay Shah should be given Bharat Ratna... for stopping the India-Pakistan war, US President Trump should be given Nobel prize... for insult to India's martyrs, patriots should strongly demand Bharat Ratna for Jai Bhai," said Raut.

manship; this is terrorism being showcased on the cricket field." On the ban, AICWA said in a statement: "We are proud to stand with the nation, our brave soldiers, and the families of martyrs who sacrifice their lives for Bharat."

PM launches hydro projects near China border

Inaugurates schemes worth Rs 5,100 cr for Arunachal

SUMIR KARMAKAR
GUWAHATI, DHNS

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday inaugurated and laid foundation stones for development projects worth Rs 5,100 crore in Arunachal Pradesh, including two hydroelectric projects located near the border with China. The move comes months after China began constructing the world's largest hydropower project on the Yarlung Tsangpo river in Tibet, known as the Siang in Arunachal Pradesh and the Brahmaputra further downstream in Assam. The two hydroelectric projects—Heo (240MW) and Tato (186MW) on the Siyom in Shi Yomi district—seek to harness the frontier state's hydroelectric potential. An estimated Rs 3,689 crore has been ear-

marked for the projects. "Our northeastern region plays a significant role in the country's journey towards a developed nation by 2047. We have set a target of generating 500GW of electricity from non-conventional sources such as solar, wind and hydropower. These two projects will strengthen Arunachal's position in power generation. Local youths will get jobs and the state will get low-cost electricity for developmental projects," Modi said. The foundation for the projects was laid amid protests by local communities opposing the proposed construction of mega dams for hydropower generation. The state recently witnessed strong demonstrations in the Siang Valley districts against a planned project on the Siang river. The Centre has maintained



Prime Minister Narendra Modi interacts with local traders, merchants during a 'GST Bachat Utsav' event in Itanagar. PTI

that the Siang multipurpose project is intended to mitigate potential adverse impacts on the state from China's dam construction upstream. Modi, however, did not directly address the public protests during the event. Despite longstanding opposition, the government has signed MoUs with central PSUs for the implementation of 13 hydropower projects in the state. The PM also laid the foundation for a state-of-the-art convention centre at Tawang, a district bordering China.

FESTIVE FERVOUR



People take a holy dip on the first day of the 'Navratri' festival, at Sangam, the confluence of the Ganga, Yamuna and the Saraswati rivers, in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh, on Monday. PTI

CPI report flags gerontocracy, patriarchy and misuse of power

SHEMIN JOY
NEW DELHI, DHNS

Dominance of older leaders, some treating positions of power as personal entitlement, the assumption among some that only men can be revolutionaries, and reluctance to include women in committees despite campaigning for a 33% quota are among a series of deficiencies highlighted in a draft organisational report by the CPI.

The report, presented on

the second day of the CPI Party Congress in Chandigarh, also warned against misusing social media to "malign comrades or promote individualism". It cautioned against selecting people for leadership roles solely on the basis of "loyalty" and said that "repeated targeting of a particular comrade" under the guise of criticism would be treated as "factionalism". It was also critical of the Congress, the "major party" in the I.N.D.I.A bloc, noting that

the Opposition alliance could have "achieved greater success" in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections had it adopted a "broader and more accommodative" approach, especially towards "smaller secular and democratic forces". Acknowledging that "some comrades remain in the same post year after year, often becoming seen as indispensable regardless of their actual contribution...", the report said the CPI has "increasingly become a victim of 'gerontocracy'.

India, Morocco ink defence pact

NEW DELHI, PTI: India and Morocco on Monday inked an agreement to boost military cooperation following talks between Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and his Moroccan counterpart Abdelatif Loudiyi. The two sides also agreed on a comprehensive roadmap to expand cooperation on countering terrorism, maritime security, cyber defence and peacekeeping operations. Singh is currently on a visit to Morocco. "Had a very productive meeting with Morocco's Defence Minister Abdelatif

Loudiyi and we signed an MoU on cooperation in field of defence," he said on 'X'. The MoU will provide for an institutional framework to expand and deepen bilateral defence engagement, including exchanges, training, and industrial linkages, officials said. "India's ties with Morocco are growing remarkably over the years. We discussed ways to deepen collaboration in key areas, including counter-terrorism efforts, maritime security, cyber defence and capacity building," Singh added.

GST reforms: PM pens open letter

NEW DELHI, DHNS: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday, in an open letter to the people, said the start of the nine-day Navaratri festival was also bringing with it a "GST Bachat Utsav"—a "GST Savings Festival"—across the country. "These reforms will boost savings and directly benefit every section of society, be it farmers, women, youth, poor, middle class, traders or MSMEs. They will encourage greater growth and investments and accelerate the progress of every state and region," he wrote, adding that now there would be only two tax slabs—5% and 18%. The GST

reforms began on Monday. Modi also said daily essentials such as food, medicines, soap, and toothpaste would now either be tax-free or fall in the 5% tax slab. Goods that were earlier taxed at 12% had almost entirely been shifted to the 5% slab, he added. 'Less burden' "Our small industries, shopkeepers, traders, entrepreneurs, and MSMEs will also see greater Ease of Doing Business and Ease of Compliance. Lower taxes, lower prices, and simpler rules will mean better sales, less compliance burden, and growth of opportunities, especially in the MSME sector,"

he further wrote. At the BJP headquarters, Union Railway, I&B and IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said these GST reforms were missing during the UPA regime. "The UPA taxed cement at 30% and now it is at 18%. Sanitary pads were taxed by the UPA at 13% and now they have zero tax. The tax on coffee has been reduced from 30% to 5%," he told reporters, adding that there were now savings on a host of items. "Our Opposition partners are not happy with these savings and reforms. During their rule, no work was done, let alone reforms," he claimed.

SC notice to Delhi Police on Imam, Khalid's bail plea

NEW DELHI, DHNS

The Supreme Court on Monday issued notice to the Delhi Police on pleas for the bail filed by former JNU students Sharjeel Imam, Umar Khalid, and others, arrested under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act for a larger conspiracy in the 2020 Delhi riots. A bench of Justices Aravind Kumar and N V Anjaria agreed to examine the matter on October 7 after brief submissions by senior advocates Kapil Sibal, A M Singhvi, and others. Singhvi asked the court to issue notice on the plea for interim bail as well. He claimed the petitioners were students who had been behind bars for five years.

Sibal, for the petitioners, sought a short date in the matter, so that the petitioners could be out before Diwali. The court said it would consider the main petition, and scheduled the matter for consideration on October 7. The bench said the matter was previously adjourned as Justice Manmohan, part of the bench, wanted to recuse



Sharjeel Imam Umar Khalid

for having been associated with the chambers of Sibal. Khalid and others have been in jail since 2020 in connection with the riots, which left 53 people dead and over 700 injured. The HC on September 2 dismissed the bail petitions. A division bench had noted the nature of the allegations, and specifically the state's submission that this was not a case of regular protest or riot matter but rather a premeditated, well-orchestrated conspiracy to commit unlawful activities threatening India's unity, integrity, and sovereignty. The court had then also dismissed a similar bail plea by the other accused—Athar Khan, Abdul Khalid Saifi, Mohd Saleem Khan, Shifa Ur Rehman, Meeran Haider, Gulfisha Fatima, and Shadab Ahmed.

IT Minister Vaishnaw switches to Zoho platform

AJITH ATHRADY
NEW DELHI, DHNS

In an endorsement of the government's 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat', Union Minister for Electronics and Information Technology Ashwini Vaishnaw has announced that he is moving to Zoho, a homegrown software platform for documents, spreadsheets, and presentations. "I am moving to Zoho—our own Swadeshi platform for documents, spreadsheets & presentations. I urge all to join PM Shri @narendramodi Ji's call for Swadeshi by adopting indigenous products & services," Vaishnaw posted on X. The decision as part of the Centre's larger push for promoting indigenous technology and reducing dependence on foreign platforms. The minister's announcement against the backdrop of trade negotiations with the United States. Responding to the IT Minister's announcement, Zoho founder and CEO Sridhar Vembu expressed gratitude, writing, "Thank you sir, this is a huge morale boost for our engineers who have worked hard for over two decades to build our product suite. We will make you proud and make our nation proud. Jai Hind," Vembu posted on X.

GST cut to save up to Rs 1.5L cr for investors in green energy: Joshi

NEW DELHI, DHNS: Union Minister for New and Renewable Energy Pralhad Joshi on Monday said that the GST reduction on renewable energy will save up to Rs 1.5 lakh crore for investors till 2030. "I thank Prime Minister Narendra Modi for cutting GST on renewable equipment from 18% to 5%. This will save Rs one lakh crore to Rs 1.5 lakh crore for investors till 2030," Joshi told media persons on the sidelines of the CII 6th International Energy Conference. The GST cut will give a significant boost to India's ambitious target of having 500 GW of renewable energy by 2030. According to the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, given that India plans to add around 300 GW of renewable energy capacity by 2030, even a modest 2-3% cost reduction can free up Rs 1-1.5 lakh crore in investment capacity.

Centre extends ban imposed on NSCN (K) for 5 more years

NEW DELHI, DHNS: The Centre on Monday announced an extension of the ban imposed on the National Socialist Council of Nagaland (Khaplang)—NSCN (K)—along with all its factions, wings, and front organisations for five more years from September 28, for its involvement in activities that are "prejudicial" to the sovereignty and integrity of India. The MHA in a notification said that the NSCN (K) has declared its aim to create a sovereign Nagaland incorporating the Naga-inhabited areas of the Indo-Myanmar region by secession from the Indian Union and aligned itself with other unlawful associations like the ULFA (I), People's Revolutionary Party of Kangleipak, and People's Liberation Army. It said the MHA is of the opinion that circumstances exist that render it necessary to declare the NSCN (K) along with all its factions, wings, and organisations to be an unlawful association. "Accordingly, in exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to sub-section (3) of section 3 of the said Act, hereby directs that this notification shall, subject to any order that may be made under section 4 of the said Act, have immediate effect from September 28, for a period of five years," it said.

PAST RECAST

South's early historic era began in 6th century BCE: Report

E T B SIVAPRIYAN
CHENNAI, DHNS

Early Historic Period in South India could be securely placed in the 6th century BCE, making it contemporaneous with Mahajanapadas of the Gangetic plains, a new report by the Tamil Nadu State Department of Archaeology (TNSDA) has revealed, relying on radiometric dates of artefacts

unearthed from various excavation sites in the state. The report by renowned academic K Rajan, R Sivanantham, Joint Director, TNSDA, and V P Yathees Kumar of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has arrived at the conclusion after studying the brick structures, availability of copper, iron, steel, inscribed coins and seals, formation of trade routes and so on. The report also states that an

extensive dataset of radiometric dates from sites yielding Tamil (Tamil-Brahmi) inscribed potsherds, such as Keeladi, Sivagalai and Kodumanal, places the script's origins in the 7th-6th centuries BCE. TNSDA's excavations are planned to ensure that they cover Prehistoric, Neolithic, Iron Age, Early Historic, and Medieval periods across northern, southern, eastern, western, and central regions of

Tamil Nadu. This approach was adopted to avoid the bias of focusing solely on early historic or Iron Age sites and ensuring a holistic reconstruction of the region's cultural history. Most early historic sites in South India date back to the 3rd century BCE based on the assumption that the Brahmi script was introduced after Asoka. The new findings challenge the long-held notion.

YSRCP MP seeks
CBI probe into
Tirupati theft row

HYDERABAD, DHNS: Even as the High Court of Andhra Pradesh had directed the state CID to seize the records related to the Tirumala Parakamani theft case, Maddila Gurumoorthy, YSRCP's Tirupati MP, on Monday sought a CBI inquiry and the formation of a judicial commission headed by a sitting SC judge, respectively, to investigate the escalating controversy.

In a letter to Home Minister Amit Shah and Chief Justice of India Justice B R Gavai, he condemned the Naidu government's allegations of theft and misuse of temple offerings as lies and a blatant political vendetta.

He said that only an impartial central investigation can uncover the truth and restore the devotees' confidence.



Grieving fans pay their last respects to Assam's cultural icon Zubeen Garg in Guwahati on Monday. PTI

Assam govt orders
second autopsy on
Zubeen Garg

SUMIR KARMAKAR
GUWAHATI, DHNS

Amid demands by many of his fans, the Assam government on Monday decided to conduct the second post-mortem on the body of music icon Zubeen Garg, who died while swimming in a sea in Singapore on Friday.

"Personally, I am not in favour of going through the procedure of post-mortem again on Zubeen's body. But I decided to go for it in order to avoid any kind of circumstance later, although the number of those making the demand is not so large," Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma told reporters in Guwahati on Monday evening.

"It will take two hours tomorrow for the post-mortem. His wife Garima has also consented to it."

The decision was taken at a time when thousands of his fans were still pouring in to pay their last tributes to Garg at the Sarusajai Sports Complex here, where his body has been kept since Sunday afternoon for mass tributes.

The state government has also decided to send a state CID team to Singapore as part of its investigation into the FIRs seeking a probe. The

RJD & Congress 'bury hatchet'
ahead of Sonia's Patna visit

Mahagathbandhan allies likely
to seal seat-sharing deal soon

ABHAY KUMAR
PATNA

Sonia Gandhi may no longer be Congress president, but her stature within the party, and beyond, remains formidable. Even I.N.D.I.A. alliance partners are known to heed her suggestions, whether expressed overtly or conveyed discreetly. As a former Congress chief

and current member of the Congress Working Committee (CWC), Sonia is set to be in Patna on Wednesday to attend the marathon CWC meeting at the party headquarters, Sadaquat Ashram. Along with Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, she will help finalise the list of party candidates for the upcoming Assembly elections.

This comes close on the heels of about of 'bitterness' between

the RJD and the Congress, triggered by the latter's reluctance to publicly endorse Tejashwi Yadav as the chief ministerial candidate, despite the RJD having thrown its weight behind Rahul Gandhi's Voters' Adhikaar Yatra to ensure its success.

The strain led Tejashwi Yadav to embark on his yatra solo last week, even hinting at the possibility of contesting all 243 seats.

However, the discord appears to have been short-lived, as back-channel efforts from both the Congress and the RJD worked overtime to soothe the frayed nerves of the RJD leadership. It was during this 'placating'

exercise that both parties agreed to scale down the number of seats they would contest.

While the Congress was earlier adamant on contesting at least 70 seats (the same number it contested in 2020), the RJD too was rigid on contesting the 144 seats and leaving the remaining 99 seats for its allies. The Left and the Mukesh Sahni-led Vikas-sheel Insaan Party, too, were flexing their muscles for a larger pie.

But that appears to be a thing of the past.

The RJD leadership, including Lalu Prasad, who has stood by Sonia through her

most challenging phases, was reportedly of the view that seat-sharing between the Congress and RJD should not become a point of friction or offer the NDA fresh ammunition to target the I.N.D.I.A. bloc.

"Though the deal will be announced formally in the next few days, it has been largely decided that the Congress will scale down its demand from 70 to 58, and the RJD, from 144 to 130," said a senior leader of the Mahagathbandhan.

The Congress has sought winnable seats of its choice, while the RJD scaled down its own share and increased CPI-ML's tally from 19 to 27, citing its stronger strike rate in 2020, said the source.

Top court halts trial against
TN minister, wife in assets case

NEW DELHI, DHNS: The Supreme Court on Monday stayed the Madras High Court's order that had reversed the discharge granted to Tamil Nadu Minister M Durai Murugan and his wife in a disproportionate assets case.

A bench comprising Justices Dipankar Datta and Augustine George Masih issued notice to the state government on a special leave petition jointly filed by the minister and his wife Shanthakumari, challenging the HC's April 24 order.

The petitioners challenged the validity of the sanction, saying that it was improperly obtained from the Speaker instead of the Governor, who was the competent authority at the time of the alleged offence, when Murugan was the minister.

The HC had allowed the state government's revision petition, setting aside the January 31, 2017, order of discharge passed by the Special Judge-cum-Chief Judicial Magistrate, Vellore, in connection with the FIR registered on November 23, 2011.

It was alleged that during his tenure from May 13, 2006, to May 14, 2011, the minister owned pecuniary resources and properties disproportionate to his sources of income.

SC restores bail
of RSS workers
in SDPI leader
murder case

NEW DELHI, DHNS: The Supreme Court on Monday set aside the Kerala High Court's December 11, 2024, order cancelling bail granted to five alleged RSS members in a case related to the murder of the SDPI's state secretary K S Shan.

A bench of Justices Dipankar Datta and Augustine George Masih noted that the accused appellants had remained on bail for two years and had not been involved in any similar or other offence after the relief, the court said.

"We prefer to lean in favour of liberty rather than its curtailment," said the bench, emphasising that the golden rule of bail jurisprudence propounded by Justice V R Krishna Iyer, of bail being "the rule and jail an exception", could not be ignored.

Two Naxal leaders gunned down in Chhattisgarh

NARAYANPUR, PTI: Two top Maoist leaders carrying a bounty of Rs 40 lakh each in Chhattisgarh were killed in an encounter with security personnel in the state's Narayanpur district on Monday, police officials said.

The two have been identified as Raju Dada alias Katta Ramachandra Reddy (63) and Kosa Dada alias Kadari Satyanarayana Reddy (67), both Central Committee members of the outlawed CPI (Maoists), they said.

The operation garnered praise from Home Minister Amit Shah who called it a "major victory" for security forces.

Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai hailed it as a decisive achievement in fight against Naxalism.

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
DAVANAGERE DIVISION, DAVANAGERE.

No.EE:PWD:Dvg/AE-3:IFT-20:2025-26 Dated:- 22.09.2025

SHOR TERM E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Ref : This office tender notification No. IFT-20/2025-26 dated : 22.09.2025.

The works under Head of Account Head of Account 3054-04-337-1-10-200 MDR Maintenance 2 works with minimum amount Rs. 22.30 lakhs and maximum amount Rs. 74.36 lakhs (Call-2) (Reserved for SC category) pertaining to Honnali and Harihara sub divisions under the Jurisdiction of PWD, Davanagere division has been called for the tenders from registered Contractors in KPWD for the above works through KPP Portal as per standard tender documents rules.

Tender dates are as mentioned below:
Last Date & time for receipt of tenders 30.09-2025 Time: 16.00
Date & time for opening of Technical Bid 03.10.2025 Time: 16.30
Further details can be obtained from this office in office hours.
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Sd/- Executive Engineer
PWD, Davanagere.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Karnataka State Commission for Backward Classes is conducting a Household Socio-Educational Survey from 22nd September 2025 to 7th October 2025.

To assist the general public in filling up the survey form, a HELPLINE has been established at the premises of the Karnataka State Minorities Commission, Bengaluru.

HELPLINE NUMBER

Karnataka State Minorities Commission:
080-69146723

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For any queries, please contact the above number.

Sd/- Secretary, DIPR/CP/JA/ Sd/- Chairman,
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No. EO/UASR/TND- 189/2025-26 Date:- 19-09-2025

E-AUCTION NOTIFICATION

The University of Agricultural sciences, Raichur intends to invest its surplus funds through e-auction in term deposits with Scheduled public sector/Private sector banks including RRBs. The detailed terms and conditions of the e-auction can be downloaded from the kpp portal of the Government of Karnataka at <https://kppp.karnatka.gov.in>. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:- (1) Date and Time to confirm Participation of Interest in Auction:-26-09-2025 Upto 5.00 PM. (2) Start Date and Time of Evaluation:- 27-09-2025 At 05.10 PM.(3) Live bidding:- On 30-09-2025 From 11.00 AM to 4.00 PM. For more details, please contact the Comptroller, office of the Comptroller, Administrative Building, University of Agricultural Sciences, Raichur. Contact No. 9480696303. And visit the link <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> for detailed tender notification. Contact helpdesk number: 080 - 25501216 & 080 - 25501227

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ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ-ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ
ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರ (ಉತ್ತರ) ಕಛೇರಿ, ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಎಸ್‌ಡಿಎಮ್‌ಸಿ/61/12/2025-26 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 20-09-2025

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ / ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅಭಿಸೂಚನೆ

ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ-ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯ ಸನ್ 2025-26 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ 15ನೇ ಹಣಕಾಸು ಯೋಜನೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಸನ್ 2020-21ನ, 2022-23 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ 15ನೇ ಹಣಕಾಸು ಯೋಜನೆ (ಉಳಿತಾಯ) ಯೋಜನೆ ಮತ್ತು 2022-23 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಮಾನ್ಯ ತಾಸರ್ ಅನುದಾನ ಯೋಜನೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಸನ್ 2025-26 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ವಾರ್ಡ್ ವಾರು ಅನುದಾನ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಂಜೂರಾದ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕ ಆದೇಶ 1999-2000 ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಆಕ್ಟ್ 2000 ನಿಯಮದನ್ವಯ PWD ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಾಯಿತರಾದ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಪಬ್ಲಿಕ್ ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಐಟಿಎಮಾರು ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಒಂದು ವೇಳೆ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಕಾರಣಗಳಿಂದ ಸದರಿ ಯಾವುದಾದರೂ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯಾದಲ್ಲಿ, ಸದರಿ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಪಬ್ಲಿಕ್ ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಜಾತಿ (SC) ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಮೀಸಲಿರುವ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ

1) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ - 48030 ರೂ. 25.00 ಲಕ್ಷ
2) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ - 48814 ರೂ. 25.00 ಲಕ್ಷ
3) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ - 49604 ರೂ. 10.00 ಲಕ್ಷ
4) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ - 48025 ರೂ. 16.00 ಲಕ್ಷ
5) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ - 32021 ರೂ. 40.00 ಲಕ್ಷ

ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಪಂಗಡದ (ST) ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಮೀಸಲಿರುವ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ

6) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ - 49026, ರೂ. 12.30 ಲಕ್ಷ

(CAT-2A) ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಮೀಸಲಿರುವ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ

7) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ - 48432 ರೂ. 33.20 ಲಕ್ಷ
8) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ - 48667 ರೂ. 12.00 ಲಕ್ಷ
9) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ - 47021 ರೂ. 19.35 ಲಕ್ಷ
10) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ - 47024 ರೂ. 13.65 ಲಕ್ಷ
11) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ - 48812 ರೂ. 14.00 ಲಕ್ಷ
12) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ - 42611 ರೂ. 55.00 ಲಕ್ಷ

ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ವರ್ಗದ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಮೀಸಲಿರುವ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ

13) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ - 49417 ರೂ. 35.00 ಲಕ್ಷ
14) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ - 48113 ರೂ. 4.50 ಲಕ್ಷ
15) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ - 46411 ರೂ. 5.20 ಲಕ್ಷ
16) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ - 49027 ರೂ. 7.00 ಲಕ್ಷ
17) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ - 47643 ರೂ. 2.50 ಲಕ್ಷ
18) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ - 47805 ರೂ. 16.00 ಲಕ್ಷ
19) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ - 47228 ರೂ. 2.50 ಲಕ್ಷ
20) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ - 47023 ರೂ. 40.00 ಲಕ್ಷ
21) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ - 48735 ರೂ. 50.00 ಲಕ್ಷ
22) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ - 48813 ರೂ. 25.00 ಲಕ್ಷ
23) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ - 48087 ರೂ. 14.00 ಲಕ್ಷ
24) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ - 49468 ರೂ. 20.00 ಲಕ್ಷ
25) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ - 49591 ರೂ. 30.00 ಲಕ್ಷ
26) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ - 49466 ರೂ. 8.91 ಲಕ್ಷ
27) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ - 48033 ರೂ. 32.00 ಲಕ್ಷ
28) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ - 44117 ರೂ. 85.00 ಲಕ್ಷ

ಮರು ಕರೆ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು

ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಜಾತಿ (SC) ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಮೀಸಲಿರುವ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ

29) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ-45637 ರೂ. 40.00 ಲಕ್ಷ (2ನೇ ಕೆರೆ)
30) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ-46734 ರೂ. 10.00 ಲಕ್ಷ (2ನೇ ಕೆರೆ)
31) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ-32696 ರೂ. 10.40 ಲಕ್ಷ (2ನೇ ಕೆರೆ)
32) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ-45513 ರೂ. 12.00 ಲಕ್ಷ (2ನೇ ಕೆರೆ)
33) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ-44230 ರೂ. 8.95 ಲಕ್ಷ (2ನೇ ಕೆರೆ)
34) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ-44209 ರೂ. 3.75 ಲಕ್ಷ (2ನೇ ಕೆರೆ)
35) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ-44225 ರೂ. 4.68 ಲಕ್ಷ (2ನೇ ಕೆರೆ)
36) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ-32021 ರೂ. 40.00 ಲಕ್ಷ (2ನೇ ಕೆರೆ)
37) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ-46409 ರೂ. 2.98 ಲಕ್ಷ (2ನೇ ಕೆರೆ)

ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಪಂಗಡದ (ST) ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಮೀಸಲಿರುವ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ

38) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ-44382 ರೂ. 2.13 ಲಕ್ಷ (2ನೇ ಕೆರೆ)
39) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ-45543 ರೂ. 20.00 ಲಕ್ಷ (2ನೇ ಕೆರೆ)
40) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ-44228 ರೂ. 3.50 ಲಕ್ಷ (2ನೇ ಕೆರೆ)

(CAT-2A) ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಮೀಸಲಿರುವ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ

41) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ-42574 ರೂ. 16.00 ಲಕ್ಷ (2ನೇ ಕೆರೆ)
42) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ-45512 ರೂ. 15.00 ಲಕ್ಷ (2ನೇ ಕೆರೆ)
43) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ-46373 ರೂ. 18.00 ಲಕ್ಷ (2ನೇ ಕೆರೆ)
44) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ-46323 ರೂ. 48.00 ಲಕ್ಷ (2ನೇ ಕೆರೆ)

ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ವರ್ಗದ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಮೀಸಲಿರುವ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ

45) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ-46141 ರೂ. 5.00 ಲಕ್ಷ (2ನೇ ಕೆರೆ)
46) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ-41420 ರೂ. 10.00 ಲಕ್ಷ (3ನೇ ಕೆರೆ)
47) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ-44148 ರೂ. 6.00 ಲಕ್ಷ (2ನೇ ಕೆರೆ)
48) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ-41452 ರೂ. 1.80 ಲಕ್ಷ (3ನೇ ಕೆರೆ)
49) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ-41462 ರೂ. 9.75 ಲಕ್ಷ (3ನೇ ಕೆರೆ)
50) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ-41239 ರೂ. 9.43 ಲಕ್ಷ (3ನೇ ಕೆರೆ)
51) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ-44536 ರೂ. 6.45 ಲಕ್ಷ (2ನೇ ಕೆರೆ)
52) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ-44545 ರೂ. 5.05 ಲಕ್ಷ (2ನೇ ಕೆರೆ)
53) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ-44543 ರೂ. 6.00 ಲಕ್ಷ (2ನೇ ಕೆರೆ)
54) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ-44549 ರೂ. 3.80 ಲಕ್ಷ (2ನೇ ಕೆರೆ)
55) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ-44547 ರೂ. 11.00 ಲಕ್ಷ (2ನೇ ಕೆರೆ)
56) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ-45973 ರೂ. 9.91 ಲಕ್ಷ (2ನೇ ಕೆರೆ)
57) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ-45972 ರೂ. 5.00 ಲಕ್ಷ (2ನೇ ಕೆರೆ)
58) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ-46020 ರೂ. 18.00 ಲಕ್ಷ (2ನೇ ಕೆರೆ)
59) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ-45540 ರೂ. 17.60 ಲಕ್ಷ (2ನೇ ಕೆರೆ)
60) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ-44229 ರೂ. 20.00 ಲಕ್ಷ (2ನೇ ಕೆರೆ)
61) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ-44215 ರೂ. 42.23 ಲಕ್ಷ (2ನೇ ಕೆರೆ)
62) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ-44514 ರೂ. 8.20 ಲಕ್ಷ (2ನೇ ಕೆರೆ)
63) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ-46432 ರೂ. 3.56 ಲಕ್ಷ (2ನೇ ಕೆರೆ)
64) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ-32568 ರೂ. 4.85 ಲಕ್ಷ (3ನೇ ಕೆರೆ)
65) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ-43487 ರೂ. 15.55 ಲಕ್ಷ (3ನೇ ಕೆರೆ)
66) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ-43492 ರೂ. 6.09 ಲಕ್ಷ (3ನೇ ಕೆರೆ)
67) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ-43581 ರೂ. 49.53 ಲಕ್ಷ (3ನೇ ಕೆರೆ)
68) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ-43486 ರೂ. 10.04 ಲಕ್ಷ (3ನೇ ಕೆರೆ)
69) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ-44215 ರೂ. 4.00 ಲಕ್ಷ (4ನೇ ಕೆರೆ)
70) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ-41454 ರೂ. 3.80 ಲಕ್ಷ (3ನೇ ಕೆರೆ)
71) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ-42557 ರೂ. 16.00 ಲಕ್ಷ (3ನೇ ಕೆರೆ)
72) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ-44532 ರೂ. 15.50 ಲಕ್ಷ (3ನೇ ಕೆರೆ)
73) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ-44546 ರೂ. 3.85 ಲಕ್ಷ (3ನೇ ಕೆರೆ)
74) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ-42708 ರೂ. 11.22 ಲಕ್ಷ (3ನೇ ಕೆರೆ)
75) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ-40103 ರೂ. 41.00 ಲಕ್ಷ (2ನೇ ಕೆರೆ)

ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ, ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಅಭಿ ಇತರೆ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು (ಉತ್ತರ) ಇವರ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ಕೆಲಸದ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಕಛೇರಿಯ ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 0836-2213834 ನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ ಮತ್ತು ಅಂತರಜಾಲದ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ ವಿಳಾಸ: <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> ರಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್ಮೆಂಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 23-09-2025 ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

- ಕ್ರಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 14, 29 ರಿಂದ 75 ರ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 04-10-2025 ರಂದು ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 4.00 ಘಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ.
- ಕ್ರಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 14, 29 ರಿಂದ 75 ರ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ: 06-10-2025 ರಂದು ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 4.30 ಘಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು.
- ಕ್ರಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 01 ರಿಂದ 13, 15 ರಿಂದ 28 ರ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 08-10-2025 ರಂದು ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 4.00 ಘಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ.
- ಕ್ರಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 01 ರಿಂದ 13, 15 ರಿಂದ 28 ರ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ: 09-10-2025 ರಂದು ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 4.30 ಘಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು.
- ಕ್ರಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 12, 28 ರ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಅರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ: 14-10-2025 ರಂದು ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು, ಇದ್ದಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ನಂತರದ ಅನುಕೂಲಕರ ದಿನಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಸಹಿ/-
ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು (ಉತ್ತರ)
ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ-ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ, ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ

ವಾ.ಸಾ.ಇ/ಧಾರವಾಡ/696/ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ/2025-26

Annamalai cites
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ARJUN RAGHUNATH
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, DHNS

The Sabarimala Samrakshana Sangamam (Sabarimala Protection Conclave), organised by various Sangh Parivar outfits and Hindu forums in Kerala on Monday as a counter to the state government's Global Ayyappa Sangamam, saw former Tamil Nadu BJP president K Annamalai hitting back at Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, citing verses from the Bhagavad Gita.

Annamalai said that Vijayan, who had quoted the Gita to define true devotion, should have also read the verses describing the kinds of people destined for hell. He also listed past atheist remarks made by Vijayan and other CPM leaders in Kerala. "Those who once dismissed gods as myth are now quoting

the Gita," he said.

He also recalled the Pinarayi government's attempts in 2018-19 to forcefully implement the SC order lifting the ban on the entry of women into the Sabarimala temple.

The IPS officer-turned-politician further alleged that the CPM's intentions behind organising the Global Ayyappa Sangamam were evident from its invitation to Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin, whom he accused of attempting to undermine Sanatan Dharma.

Organisers claimed that attendance at their event far exceeded that of the Global Ayyappa Sangamam.

Meanwhile, discontent has surfaced within the BJP's Kerala unit over Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath sending a greeting message to the global Ayyappa conclave, despite the state leadership's opposition to the event.



K Annamalai

UK moves to attract global talent with visa fee waiver: Report

It wants to make it easier for science and tech talent to relocate to the country

report said on Monday. The Global Talent Taskforce, backed up by a 54-million-pound Global Talent Fund launched earlier this year, is revving up further to lure international experts, including Indians, even as the US announced a clampdown

The UK government is looking at bolstering a drive to attract global talent with a possible visa fee waiver to support the world's top science and tech talent relocation to the country, a media

Jaishankar, Rubio hold bilateral talks

ister Piyush Goyal was scheduled to meet US counterparts later in the day. "The delegation plans to advance discussions with a view to achieving early conclusion of a mutually beneficial Trade Agreement," the Ministry of Commerce and Industry said in a statement.

The ministry noted that during the September 16 visit of officials from the office of the US Trade Representative to India, positive discussions were held on various aspects of the trade deal, and both sides agreed to intensify efforts.

Jaishankar, who arrived in New York on Sunday for UN week, will hold a series of bilateral and multilateral meetings on the sidelines of the session.

He is also scheduled to deliver India's national statement at the General Debate on September 27 from the iconic green UN podium.

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Monday met US Secretary of State Marco Rubio for bilateral discussions as the high-level 80th session of the UN General Assembly gets underway.

The meeting at Lotte New York Palace marked their first face-to-face interaction since President Donald Trump imposed an additional 25% tariff on India for Delhi's purchases of Russian oil, taking total levies on India to 50%.

The two had last met in July in Washington DC at the Quad Foreign Ministers' Meeting. Monday's talks coincided with discussions between India and the US aimed at achieving an early conclusion of a trade agreement.

A delegation led by Union Commerce and Industry Min-

Israel orders evacuation of Gaza City hospital

Protests erupt in Europe with Italian unions staging strikes

Israeli forces showed no signs of relenting on their new ground offensive in Gaza City on Monday as world leaders gathered in New York for the UN General Assembly and more countries prepared to join the surge of nations recognising a Palestinian state.



Pro-Palestine protesters clash with police at the Milano Centrale train station during a strike organised by the Unione Sindacale di Base in Milan, Italy, on Monday. AFP

must evacuate. The military didn't immediately respond to a request for comment.

Dr Muneer al-Boush, director general of the Gaza Health Ministry, said the hospital has at least 300 patients, as well as medical staff and family members of the patients. The order came as residents reported that troops were approaching the facility, with dozens of families trapped in their homes and shelters around the hospital.

Meanwhile, tens of thou-

sands of people protested on Monday across Italy as part of a day of action to "denounce the genocide in Gaza", with blockades, strikes and marches that descended into clashes with police in Milan. Italy's government under Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni has said it will not recognise a Palestinian state for now.

several Western governments that have angered Israel by recognising a Palestinian state as the UN's centerpiece diplomatic week got underway in New York.

Recognition by Australia, Britain, Canada and Portugal on Sunday piled pressure on Israel. President Emmanuel Macron has indicated France will follow suit as he prepares to host a meeting with Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed Bin Salman.

WORLD AT A GLANCE



US President Donald Trump embraces Erika Kirk during a memorial service for her husband Charlie Kirk in Arizona on Sunday. REUTERS

Trump praises conservative giant Kirk at mega memorial event

► US President Donald Trump on Sunday called slain right-wing activist Charlie Kirk “a giant of his generation” at a massive memorial event marked by strong Christian rhetoric and praise for the man many speakers referred to as a “martyr,” AFP reports from Glendale (United States).

The 79-year-old Republican said Kirk was “above all a devoted husband, father, son, Christian and patriot,” adding that he “was violently killed because he spoke for freedom and justice. For God and country. For reason and for common sense.”

The service drew an

extraordinary level of attention and security, with the top brass of Trump's administration joining tens of thousands in attendance, and some US media likening it to a state funeral.

Ahead of Trump's address, the crowd heard speeches from prominent cabinet members including Vice President JD Vance, Secretary of State Marco Rubio and Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth.

"You thought you could kill Charlie Kirk? You have made him immortal," top Trump advisor Stephen Miller said, vowing "to save this civilization, to save the West."

Indian jailed for abusing woman

▶ A 46-year-old Indian national and Singapore permanent resident on Monday was sentenced to four years in jail and six strokes of the cane for molesting a woman in a nursing room at a shopping mall, PTI reports from Singapore.

Ankit Sharma was convicted on one charge of aggravated outrage of modesty for molesting a 31-year-old technology specialist recruiter after dragging her into a nursing room at Changi City Point mall on March 1, 2023.



A woman holds the “Motswedi” a 2,488-carat rough diamond, the second largest in the world, at the HB Antwerp headquarters in Antwerp on Monday. AFP

Nepal panel to probe violence

► Nepal's interim government has set up a panel to investigate the violence during anti-corruption protests this month that killed 74 people and forced Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli to quit, Reuters reports from Kathmandu.

ment against widespread corruption and a lack of jobs, escalated into the Himalayan nation's deadliest violence in decades. The protesters set ablaze the Parliament, prime minister's office, the Supreme Court, malls and luxury hotels owned by people close to "corrupt politicians".

Kim Jong-un open to talks with US

SEOUL, AFP: North Korean leader Kim Jong-un says he has “fond memories” of US President Donald Trump and is open to future talks with the US—if he can keep his nuclear arsenal.

Kim met Trump three times for high-profile summits during Trump's first term, before talks collapsed in Hanoi in 2019 over what concessions Pyongyang was prepared to make on its atomic weapons.

The US demand that Kim give up his banned weapons has long been a sticking point between the two countries, with Pyongyang facing successive UN sanctions over its nuclear and missile programmes.

"If the US discards its delusional obsession with denuclearisation and, based on recognising reality, truly wishes for peaceful coexistence with us, then there is no reason we cannot meet it," Kim said, according to a report Monday by the official Korean Central News Agency.

"I still personally hold fond memories of the current US president, Trump," Kim added, in a wide-ranging speech to the country's Supreme People's Assembly.

S. E. RAILWAY - E-TENDER						
TENDER FOR 'E' PROCUREMENT SYSTEM						
Tender Notice No. PCMM/GENL/TP/2025/35				Dated: 19/09/2025		
The Principal Chief Materials Manager, South Eastern Railway, Hd. Qrs. Office (5th Floor), New administrative Building, 11, Garden Reach Road, Kolkata-700043 for and on behalf of the President of India invites open E-tenders which have been uploaded on website www.irops.gov.in as follows. All the tenders will be closed at 14.00 hrs.						
Sl. No.	Tender No.	Due Date	Brief Description	Qty.	EMD (In Rs.)	
	1	46253160	16/10/2025	Disconnecting and Earthing Device, 8 Pole 2 way, without Off, on load 125 A at 1000 V AC, 2 NO+2NC and with heavy duty handle and pad locking arrangement in off position, mounted in a stainless steel enclosure suitable for AC 23 duty conforming to IEC 60947 etc.	331 Nos.	3,78,830.00
	2	29251002	23/10/2025	Tablet PC type Fog Pilot assistance system device	1091 Nos.	11,68,940.00
	3	29253698	24/10/2025	Damper for WAP-7	39 Set	2,89,930.00
	4	29253191	05/11/2025	Cab Activating key switch etc.	343 Nos	1,13,330.00
	5	29254656	06/11/2025	Overhauling kit for M/s. KBIPL make Magnet Valve	530 Set	1,37,590.00
	6	29253282	13/11/2025	Set of Pins & Bushes for Brake	117 Set	1,65,400.00
	7	25253561	18/11/2025	POH Maintenance Schedule of Tap Changer	25 Set	1,20,320.00
	8	25253568	19/11/2025	IOH Kit of ELGI TRC 1000MN Compressor	46 Set	1,02,930.00
	9	29253814	20/11/2025	ELGI make set of mount	158 Set	1,49,850.00
	10	29253317	25/11/2025	Set of Kit for emergency exhaust valve	319 Set	1,39,320.00
	11	25251285	26/11/2025	Set of brush holder assembly	218 Set	1,14,210.00
	12	29253008	02/12/2025	Housing for Traction Bar	202 Nos.	1,20,130.00
	13	29253316	08/12/2025	Set of kit direct brake exhaust valve	128 Set	1,31,570.00
		77253047	07/11/2025	Supply of Paint, Black grey RAL-7021, PU Based.	36440 ltrs.	1,07,070.00
		31255006	16/10/2025	Supply, Installation and commissioning of IP based Video Surveillance System (VSS) in EMUD Type Coaches	803 Set	20,00,000.00
	16	32532220	29/10/2025	Door Arrangements R.H and L.H for LHB Coaches	144 Set	1,72,970.00
	17	45253193	09/12/2025	Brushless Alternator 4.5 KW capacity V-belt driven suitable for 110V DC TL system etc.	44 Nos.	1,30,890.00
	18	43253018	04/12/2025	Electric water boiler 30 litres for hot buffet LHB type coach.	114 Nos	1,64,110.00
	19	43253016	12/11/2025	Voltage phase control (MMR Measuring & Monitoring Relay) NET 1&2,	1489 Nos	1,65,510.00
	20	46253097	17/11/2025	Motor Protection Circuit Breaker (MPCB) for compressor unit 1.1.1.2.2.1 & 2.2 Heater 182 Current Rating 7-10 AMP, thermal release range 10-16 AMP, Class10, breaking capacity 10KA, 3 pole etc.	3031 Nos.	1,17,170.00
	21	75251788	11/11/2025	Vinyl Coated Upholstery Fabric. Size: 127 cms. X 30 mtrs.	63317 mtrs	1,69,740.00
	22	38253881	14/10/2025	7/8" (22.22 mm) dia. Zinc plated/Galvanised Lock bolt with collar Grip No. 16 with grip range 25.40-31.75mm.	78078 Nos.	1,67,680.00
	23	38253335	05/11/2025	Striker Casting with Wear Plate for up-graded HTCBG Drawing No.: IRS s Drg. No. WA/BD-4460, Alt.9.	880 Nos.	3,05,290.00
	24	38251536A	07/11/2025	POH KIT-2 for MK-50 High Capacity Drive Gear consisting of 6 items. Drawing No.: kit details as perAnn	130 Sets	2,42,170.00
	25	25253566	07/10/2025	Smoothing reactor type SL-30 etc.	28 Nos.	7,00,450.00
	26	29253251	09/10/2025	Primary Voltage Transformer	22 Nos.	2,05,080.00
	27	25253665	20/10/2025	Set of bearing bracket assembly etc.	260 Set	7,07,540.00
	28	29253787	21/10/2025	Overhauling kit for LRU, Control Portion: 20-Pipe	97 Set	2,41,510.00
	29	25251302	22/10/2025	Commutator assembly etc.	36 Nos.	2,82,920.00
	30	29255059	05/11/2025	3D adjustable 360 degree rotational driver set	250 Nos.	3,21,550.00
	31	29253230	30/12/2025	Bull gear(72 teeth)etc.	47 Nos.	1,33,050.00
	32	29253297	31/12/2025	MVB based Graphical Driver etc.	44 Nos.	1,79,120.00
Interested tenderers may visit website www.irops.gov.in for full details/description/specification of the tenders and submit their bids online. In no case manual tenders for these items will be accepted. N.B: Prospective Bidders may regularly visit www.irops.gov.in to participate in all other tenders & any corrigendum published thereafter.						
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MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION ORGANISATION)

NOTIFICATION

Bengaluru, 11th September 2025

S.O.4155(E)—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-Section (1) of Section 20E of the Railway Act, 1989 (24 of 1989), the Ministry of Railway (South Western Railway, Construction Organization, Bengaluru Cantonment) after being satisfied with the report of Competent Authority and Special Land Acquisition Officer, Tumkur vide his office communicated hereby declares that the lands described and shown in the following schedule and notified under S.O. 2698(E) dated 16.06.2025 issued under sub-section (1) of Section 20A of chapter IVA of Railway Act, 1989 amended in 2008, shall be acquired for executing the Special Railway Project namely "Construction of ROB in lieu of LC No. 38 at Kyatsandra - Tumkur @ Ch: 65/300-400 (Baddihalli road, near fire station, Kyatsandra Village)" in the State of Karnataka.

Any person interested in the said land may, within 30 days from the date of publication of this notification in the official gazette, raise objection to the acquisition and use of such land for the aforesaid purpose under Sub-section (1) of 200 of the said Act:

Every such objections shall be made to the '**Competent Authority**', namely, Special Land Acquisition Officer, Tumkur - Raydurga Railway Project, Tumkur for LC No. 38 at Baddihalli Gate in writing and shall set out the grounds thereof and the competent authority shall give the objector an opportunity of being heard, either in person or by legal practitioner, and may, after hearing all such objections and after making such further enquiry, if any, as the competent authority thinks necessary, by order, either allow or disallow the objections.

The Competent Authority issued 200 Notice to the Land Owners and provided 30 Days period for objections and the hearing conducted on 25.07.2025. No objections were received and no land owners attended for objection hearing.

Any order made by the competent authority under sub-section (2) of Section 200 of the said Act shall be final.

The land plans and other details of the land covered under this 20E notification are available and can be inspected by the interested person at the aforesaid Office of the Competent Authority.

SCHEDULE

District: Tumakuru

Hobli: Kasaba

Taluk: Tumakuru

Village: Devarayapattana (Kyathsandra Area)

Sl. No.	Sy. No.	Beneficiary	Extent (in Acres - Gunta)				Classification of Land
			Total (A-G)	A Kharab (A-G)	B Kharab (A-G)	Balance (A-G)	
1.	104/2	Director General. Karnataka State Fire and Emergency Services Department	0-07	-	-	0-07	Dry
2.	105	Govt. Land	0-06	-	0-06	-	Govt. Land
3.	107/2	K. S. Shanthaiah	0-13	-	0-00 1/4	0-12 3/4	Dry
4.	107/3	K. S. Shanthaiah. Gangambika W/o Late Umesh (Joint)	0-02	-	-	0-02	Dry
		Total	0-28	-	0-06 1/4	0-21 3/4	-

No. W.271/CN/BNC/2025-26/Land SRP/1727

Sd/-
(Pradeep Puri)
Chief Engineer-III/Construction
South Western Railway, Bengaluru Cantonment

PUB/496/AAMO/PRB/SWR/2025-26

Core infra output growth rises to 15-month high of 6.3% in August

Coal, steel sectors post robust performance

GYANENDRA KESHRI
NEW DELHI, DHNS

Output of the core infrastructure sector grew by 6.3% in August, the fastest pace of expansion in 15 months, led by favourable base effect and robust performance of coal, steel and cement sectors, official data showed on Monday.

The August performance of the key infrastructure sector measured in terms of the Index of Eight Core Industries was the best since May 2024. In July 2025, the core sector growth stood at 3.7%.

Steel sector was the best performing with 14.2% year-on-year growth recorded during the month under review. It was followed by an 11.4% jump in output coal and 6.1% increase in cement production.

Electricity generation in August 2025 was 3.1% when compared with the same month last year, while fertilizer production increased by 4.6%, data released by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry showed.

However, crude oil and natural gas segments continued to underperform. Natural gas production in August 2025 was



2.2% lower when compared with the same month last year. Cumulative production in the April-August period of the current financial year is 2.5% lower year-on-year.

There was a similar story in the crude oil segment. Crude oil output declined by 1.2% year-on-year in August. On a cumulative basis for the first five months of the current financial year the crude oil pro-

duction was 1.7% lower year-on-year.

The core sector has a weight of 40.27% in the Index of Industrial Production (IIP).

“The pickup in growth in infrastructure sector output is expected to keep the IIP growth at around 5.5% YoY in August 2025. We expect the core sector output growth at around 5% YoY in September 2025,” said Paras Jasrai, Asso-

ciate Director, India Ratings and Research.

The cumulative output growth in the core infrastructure sector in April-August period of 2025-26 stood at 2.8% as compared to the corresponding period of last year.

ICRA Chief Economist Aditi Nayar said the uptick in the core sector growth in August was particularly driven by coal, which witnessed an expansion of 11.4% in the month, following a double-digit contraction in July 2025.

Overall, five of the eight sectors, barring steel, cement, and electricity saw an improvement in their YoY growth performance in August 2025 vis-à-vis July 2025. Although the growth in cement sector output stood relatively better at 6.1%, it remained at a 10-month low in view of the monsoon fury in various parts of the country in August.

India, US will soon reach a mutually beneficial deal: NJ Gov

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BENGALURU, DHNS

Phil Murphy, Governor of the State of New Jersey, United States of America on Monday expressed confidence that India and the United States will soon arrive at a mutually beneficial agreement on the tariffs imposed by the US on Indian goods, including a penalty linked to India's purchase of Russian crude oil.



Ekroop Caur, Secretary, Department of IT/BT, and New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy sign the agreement in the presence of Priyank Kharge, minister for IT/BT in Bengaluru on Monday

Karnataka, New Jersey to collaborate

The Government of Karnataka and the State of New Jersey have entered into a landmark three-year Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to strengthen cooperation in technology, innovation, and economic development.

The agreement covers multiple areas of collaboration, including:

- **Soft landing & startup support** – Startups from Karnataka seeking opportunities in New Jersey, and New Jersey startups exploring Karnataka, will be supported with market access, mentoring, and ecosystem connections.
- **Focus sectors** – Joint initiatives in Lifesciences (Allied Health Sciences), Deep Technology (Cybersecurity and Artificial Intelligence), and Electronics & Semiconductors.
- **Twin city collaboration** – Promotion of innovation and research linkages between New Brunswick, New Jersey and Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- **Ecosystem connections** – Building strong bridges between industry, academia, and government, including: Exchange of students, researchers, and industry professionals. Joint skill development programs with universities in both states.

a delegation of industry leaders and state representatives to India and held discussions with several technology, life sciences, and pharma companies in Bengaluru.

The aim of his mission is to strengthen New Jersey's economic, academic, and cultural ties with India while cultivating partnerships and international investment opportunities in sectors such as

manufacturing, food & beverage, technology, financial services, life sciences, AI, and film and television.

As part of this mission, New Jersey signed a sister state agreement with the Karnataka government for partnership across key sectors.

Murphy said many universities from New Jersey are waiting to collaborate with Indian universities.

'Quick India Movement' sale draws 5x surge in traffic in first hour: Instamart

BENGALURU, DHNS: Quick commerce platform Instamart on Monday said it took only 60 seconds to deliver items such as mixer grinder, handheld gun massager, earbuds, tawas and bedsheets to cities such as Noida, Delhi, Aurangabad, Lucknow and Trivandrum.

Its 'Quick India Movement' sale (QIM) is going on till September 28 on the Swiggy and Instamart apps.

According to the platform, on the first day, within the first hour, the platform traffic surged five-fold and overall orders crossed the highest-ever volumes by the end of the day, reflecting unprecedented consumer excitement to get deals in minutes.

With the launch of the new iPhone 17 Series, the platform said 'iPhone' topped search charts, hitting its highest-ever search levels. The platform is delivering the iPhone 17 in select locations. For phones, Instamart saw nearly 20x growth

in orders within the first two hours of the sale. In the electronics category, earbuds witnessed a 30x surge in just two hours of launch.

Bengaluru, Hyderabad and Mumbai together accounted for a significant share of Day 1 sales. Interestingly, tier-2 cities delivered growth in orders when compared with regular days. Bathinda (18x), Ludhiana (15x), Kota (12x), Meerut (12x), and Amritsar (12x) witnessed a significant growth led by earbuds, energy drinks, and dishwash products.

Udaipur led as the fastest city for 10-minute deliveries, followed by Panipat, Goa, Thrissur, Madurai, Meerut, Palakkad, and Kanchipuram.

The platform also said that home essentials saw a massive surge in demand. In the first two hours of the sale going live, Bedsheets were the most snagged item in 124 cities, while Yoga Mats grew 100x and were snapped up in 62 cities.



PhonePe cuts losses to Rs 1.7K cr as revenue climbs 40%

NEW DELHI, PTI: Fintech major PhonePe has reported a narrowing of its consolidated losses to Rs 1,727.4 crore in FY25, down from Rs 1,996.1 crore in the preceding fiscal year.

The company's revenue from operations rose 40.5 per cent from Rs 5,064 crore in FY24 to Rs 7,115 crore in FY25, according to data accessed from Tofler.

PhonePe, which plans to file its Draft Red Herring Prospectus (DRHP) later this year, posted a tri-fold growth in its adjusted Profit After Tax (PAT) to Rs 630 crore in FY25, from Rs 197 crore in the previous fiscal year.

The Walmart group firm turned free cash flow positive in the financial year ending March 31, 2025, with net cash flow from operations amounting to Rs 1,202 crore.

Markets fall as US visa issue triggers near \$10-bn sell-off in IT stocks

REUTERS: Equity benchmarks declined on Monday, dragged by key information technology stocks that lost roughly \$10 billion in combined market capitalisation after the US unveiled a steep fee on new H-1B visa applications.

The Nifty 50 slipped 0.49% to 25,202.35, while the BSE Sensex dropped 0.56% to 82,159.97.

The broader small-cap and mid-cap indices also declined 1.2% and 0.7%, respectively.

The Nifty IT index, the second-heaviest sector on the benchmarks, tumbled 3%, with nine of its 10 constituents in the red.

Infosys, TCS, Tech Mahindra and Wipro declined about 2.2%-3.1%, leading the Nifty 50 losers.

The sell-off erased around 854.33 billion rupees (\$9.67 billion) in market value from the IT gauge.

On Friday, US President Donald Trump's administration announced a \$100,000 fee on new H-1B applications.

Indians made up 71% of approved H-1B beneficiaries last year. India's \$283 billion IT industry, which derives

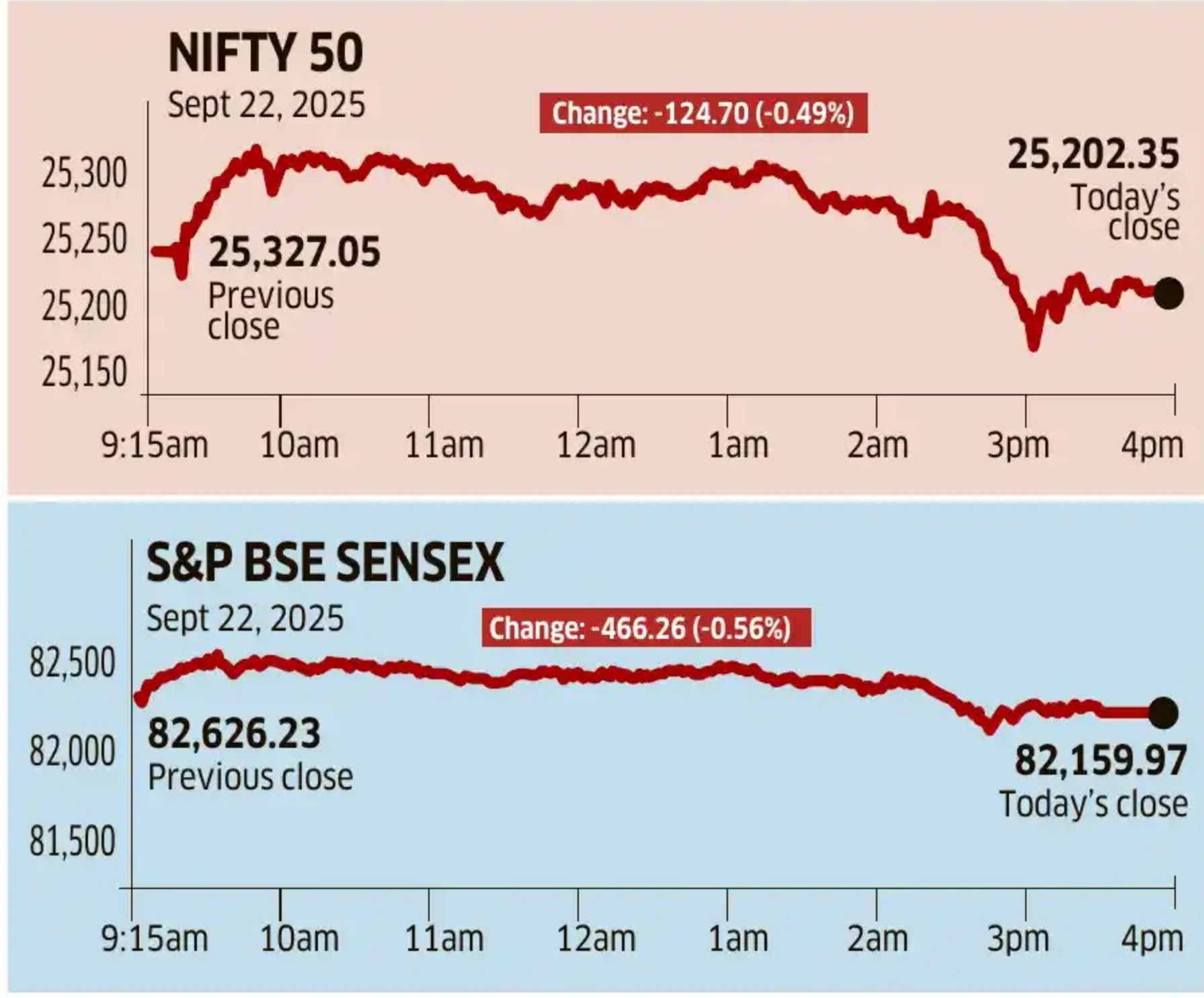
57% of revenue from the US, has long leaned on the visa program and outsourcing to support growth.

“The new H-1B visa fee will raise operating costs for Indian IT services companies,” said Sweta Patodia, assistant vice president at Moody's Ratings. “It adds to the threat of a possible 25% outsourcing tax under the proposed HIRE Act.”

Pharma stocks, which also rely heavily on US revenues, also fell 1.4%. Ten of the other 14 major sectors declined, as foreign investors likely stepped up their selling, according to analysts.

“Despite trade uncertainty and higher H-1B fees, the government's pro-growth stance through tax cuts and policy easing still makes Indian equities attractive,” UBS Global Wealth Management said in a note.

Among other stocks, Adani group companies extended gains after regulators dismissed two Hindenburg allegations. Adani Power surged 20% on news SBI Mutual Fund and Citadel Securities bought shares offloaded by GQG.



'RBI may cut repo rate by another 25 bps on Oct 1'

Inflation to remain benign in FY27

GYANENDRA KESHRI
NEW DELHI, DHNS



RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is likely to cut policy repo rate by 25 basis points (0.25%) in its upcoming monetary policy review scheduled to be announced on October 1, the SBI Research said on Monday.

In a special report 'prelude to MPC meeting', SBI Research said a 25 basis points rate cut is the "best possible option for the RBI."

The RBI's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) is scheduled to start three-day deliberations on policy rates on September 29. The decision will be announced on October 1.

"There is merit and rationale in going for a September rate cut. This will but require calibrated communication by the RBI as post June the bar for rate cut is indeed higher," SBI Research said.

The RBI has lowered key policy interest rates by 100 basis points since February. It was cut by 25 basis points each in February and April and by 50 basis points in June. After three consecutive cuts the RBI hit a pause button in August.

SBI Research said the central bank must lower policy rates in the upcoming review as inflation is likely to remain benign even in 2026-27.

The headline retail inflation based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) stood at 2.07% in August. It was at an eight-year low of 1.61% in July.

We believe that the bottom of CPI inflation may not yet

reached, and it may further decline by 65-75 bps due to the huge GST rationalization, SBI Research said.

Experience of 2019 also indicates that the rate rationalisation (primarily focused on reducing rates for common goods to 18% from 28%) led to almost 35 bps decline in overall inflation in just a couple of months, it said.

"Additionally, with the new CPI series we expect further moderation of 20-30 bps in CPI. All these factors (GST, base revision) indicate that CPI inflation will remain around the lower end of inflation target (4+2% for the entire FY26 and FY27," it added.

Cognizant appoints Infosys executive as CLO

BENGALURU, DHNS: US-headquartered Cognizant has appointed Thirumala Arohi as a Chief Learning Officer. The company has created the new position and his appointment comes at a time when IT companies are focusing more on learning and skilling.

He will be reporting to Kathy Diaz, Chief People Officer, Cognizant. Arohi brings over three decades of experience, most recently serving as Executive Vice President and Head of Education, Training & Assessment, at Infosys. He is widely recognised for his leadership in building scalable learning ecosystems and driving innovation in digital education.

Arohi arrives at a pivotal moment in Cognizant's journey to take enterprise learning to the next level and redefine the future of work in the age of AI, according to the company's internal announcement.

He will be responsible for the entire learning ecosystem, reimagining learning programmes and platforms, exploring innovative upskilling models and strategic partnerships, and driving thought leadership that shapes the global narrative on talent, technology, and the future of work.



Thirumala Arohi



The facility inaugurated on Monday at Vemula.

Corning, SGD Pharma JV start glass tubing facility in Telangana

SNV SUDHIR
VEMULA (MAHBUBNAGAR), DHNS

New York Stock Exchange (NYSE)-listed Corning Inc and France's SGD Pharma inaugurated a new \$60 million glass tubing facility in Telangana on Monday, expanding pharmaceutical manufacturing capabilities in the region.

The project was announced in June 2023. The facility combines Corning's advanced velocity vial technology with SGD Pharma's vial-converting expertise to address capacity challenges and quality requirements in primary glass packaging.

Located in Vemula, Mahbubnagar district, the plant will manufacture high-quality Type I borosilicate glass tubing, a critical material for injectable drug packaging, direct injection delivery systems, diagnostics, and biologics. The facility is designed with an annual production capacity of 13,000 tonnes of glass tubing, which can be converted into approximately 2.2 billion pharmaceutical vials, representing a substantial portion of India's estimated 3-4 billion vial annual market.

Corning's Life Sciences

Vice President and General Manager, Chris Hudson, explained that the company's proprietary velocity vial technology dramatically reduces friction on filling lines. This helps pharmaceutical companies boost productivity by 20-50%, reduce breakage, and limit glass particulate contamination by up to 96%.

While much of the capacity will serve India's growing pharmaceutical sector, 30-45% of the output is expected to be exported to regulated global markets. The vials will be shipped to over 120 countries, including the United States, Europe, and the Middle East. The factory produces standard vial sizes ranging from 2ml to 48ml and ampules up to 5ml, with specialty coatings such as velocity and silicone available based on customer requirements.

The \$60 million investment fully deployed has established end-to-end manufacturing from glass tubing to converted vials within the new plant and adjacent converter facility. Both Corning and SGD Pharma emphasised that this partnership is not just about capacity, but also about innovation and quality control.

Setback for Vedanta as govt denies extension for Cambay basin oil, gas block

NEW DELHI, PTI: In a setback for mining baron Anil Agarwal's group, the government has rejected Vedanta group firm's application for extension of contract for a

key Cambay basin oil and gas block.

Vedanta Cairn Oil and Gas, a unit of Mumbai-listed Vedanta Ltd, was the operator of the Gujarat offshore block

CB-OS/2 with a 40% stake.

State-owned Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC), which holds 50% interest in the block, in a stock exchange filing, said the Ministry of

Petroleum and Natural Gas has, in a September 19 letter, told the partners that the application for extension of the production sharing contract (PSC) for CB-OS/2 has

not been accepted.

ONGC, which has been asked to take over the operations in the interim period, did not state the reason for the move.

RESOURCE CRUNCH

'Reducing use of rare earths critical to make EV more affordable'

GYANENDRA KESHRI
NEW DELHI, DHNS

Auto manufacturers, especially in the light commercial vehicles segment, need to cut dependence on rare-earth magnets, which are mostly imported from China, to reduce costs and shield the industry from disruption in global supply chains, founder and chief executive officer of Euler Motors Saurav Kumar said on Monday.

"We do have technology that does not require us to depend on rare earths," Kumar said.

He said Euler Motors has manufactured thousands of three-wheelers electric vehicles without using rare earth magnets.

India is heavily dependent on China for the supply of rare earth magnets, which are extensively used in the sectors like auto, electronics and defense equipment. China's recent curbs on exports of critical minerals raised alarms in these sectors, auto being the most impacted.

Talking to *DH*, Kumar said affordability and performance are the key factors to speed up India's energy transition.

He said the majority of the people continue to prefer diesel or petrol powered internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicles because of performance and affordability. This is why electric vehicles penetration remains low.



Euler Motors CEO Saurav Kumar.

Euler Motors on Monday launched an electric mini truck with a starting ex-showroom price of Rs 5.99 lakh. The new model

called Turbo EV1000 comes with a certified one-tonne payload.

Kumar claimed that the performance of Turbo

EV1000 vehicles was at par with ICE vehicles priced in that range.

When asked about the impact of the GST rate cut on electric vehicles Kumar said the lower taxes on ICE vehicles have reduced EVs price advantage. However, he claimed that it won't impact Euler Motors much as most of its vehicles are competitively priced with ICE vehicles.

The government has cut goods and services tax (GST) on small vehicles to 18% from the earlier 28% plus cess.

Though the larger vehicles have moved to 40% tax slab the tax incidence has come down due to removal of cess. GST on EVs remains unchanged at 5%.

Apex court acquits 3 in policeman’s murder over loan dispute

Says the motive projected and the crime itself have not been proven in the case

ASHISH TRIPATHI
NEW DELHI, DHNS

The Supreme Court on Monday acquitted a policeman’s wife, brother, and brother-in-law in the 2006 murder of another policeman, apparently committed after being angered with persistent demands to repay a Rs 1-lakh loan.

Discarding the confession made before the police after the crime, a bench of Justices K V Vishwanathan and K Vinod Chandran allowed the appeal filed by Nagamma alias Nagarathna and two others against the Karnataka High Court’s judgment, which affirmed the findings of a trial court on conviction and life term.

The prosecution alleged that

on the night of March 10, 2006, Nagamma called the deceased to repay the loan and hacked him to death with the other two accused. After sunrise, she went to the police station and confessed to the crime to the station house officer (SHO).

The trial court acquitted her husband due to his plea of alibi — he was on duty in another police station — but held her and the two others guilty.

The appellants’ counsel C B Gururaj submitted that when one of the accused was acquitted, it should inure to the benefit of the others as well.

Examining the matter, the bench said the confession made to the SHO, overheard by the police station sentry, had to be completely eschewed under Section 25 of the Evidence Act.

It also said the confession to the wife of the deceased and the police constable who arrived at the police station as a neighbour of the deceased had to be eschewed under Section 26.

After going through the facts of the matter, the bench said the motive projected and the crime itself had not been proved in the case at all.

“The presence of the dead body in the house of the accused is also under a cloud and in any event, that, with the absence of a proper explanation, cannot by itself bring home a conviction,” said the bench.

It pointed out that the prosecution’s case was that the deceased reached the house of the accused around 10 pm, while the death was confirmed as having occurred at 2 am.

“What happened in the interregnum is not clear and, there is a suspicion as to the genesis and origin of the crime, which compounds the reasonable doubt regarding the prosecution’s case,” said the bench.

SC refuses to interfere with order junking actor Jacqueline's plea

NEW DELHI, DHNS

The Supreme Court on Monday declined to interfere with a High Court order that had dismissed a plea by actor Jacqueline Fernandez seeking to quash an ECIR (equivalent to an FIR) in a Rs200 crore money laundering case involving alleged conman Sukesh Chandrasekhar.

A bench of Justices Dipankar Datta and Augustine George Masih told senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi that the court would not intervene at this stage.

The actor had filed the plea in the apex court through advocate Sumeer Sodhi.

The bench said that at

the stage of framing of charges, the petitioner would have to accept what the allegation is.

The court acknowledged the point that the law is such that anyone can be implicated.

The judges observed that if two very close friends exchange gifts and it later emerges that one of them is involved in a predicate offence, it becomes very difficult for the other person.

The counsel submitted that his client had come in contact with Chandrasekhar but never asked him for any money.



Jacqueline Fernandez

He added that Fernandez met him because she is a film star and had been introduced to him by someone.

The bench observed that the petition could be withdrawn and the petitioner could approach the court again at the appropriate stage.

Rohatgi urged that the observations made by the High Court should not prejudice the trial. The apex court clarified that those observations were confined to the disposal of the quashing petition.

Fernandez has challenged the High Court’s 3 July 2025 order dismissing her petition to quash the Enforcement Case Information Report (ECIR) in the money laundering case.

‘Can’t act like school principal’: Top court on delays by HC judges

NEW DELHI, DHNS: The Supreme Court on Monday underscored the need for performance evaluation of high court judges, saying it was not keen to act like a “school principal”, particularly in cases where judges had failed to “deliver” on their responsibilities.

The court criticised certain HC judges for underperformance, saying, “Whatever may be the reasons, good or bad, we don’t know. Maybe there are some circumstances.”

The SC was hearing criminal appeals in which several life and death row convicts alleged that the Jharkhand High Court had failed to deliver verdicts on their cases for years, despite having reserved them.

The SC said that it does not favour acting like a “school principal” overseeing high court judges. However, it stressed the need for a self-management system to prevent case files from piling up.

“Our intention is not to act as a school principal. There should be broad guidelines so that judges are aware of the tasks before them and the extent of work they are expected to deliver,” it said.

The court observed that while some judges deliver outstanding case disposals by working tirelessly, others, unfortunately, fall short.

It added that expectations must be realistic. For instance, if a judge is hearing a criminal appeal, it is unreasonable to expect 50 decisions in a day.

No caste references in FIRs, public spaces in Uttar Pradesh

SANJAY PANDEY
LUCKNOW, DHNS

Acting on the order of the Allahabad High Court, the Uttar Pradesh government has directed that caste should not be mentioned in the FIRs and arrest memos and that references to the caste be removed from

the police records and public spaces.

The restriction however will not apply in cases registered under the SC/ST Act. In such cases caste references can be mentioned in the FIRs.

The government also imposed a ban on the caste-based rallies and there would be strict

monitoring of social media.

According to the official sources here, a directive to this effect has been issued to the district authorities by acting chief secretary Deepak Kumar.

The state government’s directive comes at a time when UP is gearing up for the panchayat polls. The HC had said

in its order that there should be no mention of castes of the accused and the witnesses in the FIRs and police documents and had opined that it was against the constitutional values.

The court had remarked that there were many technological tools available for identification and as such using caste for the

same was akin to dividing the society.

The court had also directed that the caste of the accused should not be mentioned on the notice board at the police stations. It had suggested that the name of the mother should be mentioned in the police forms to promote gender equity.

MISCELLANY

◆ COMICS ◆

Blondie



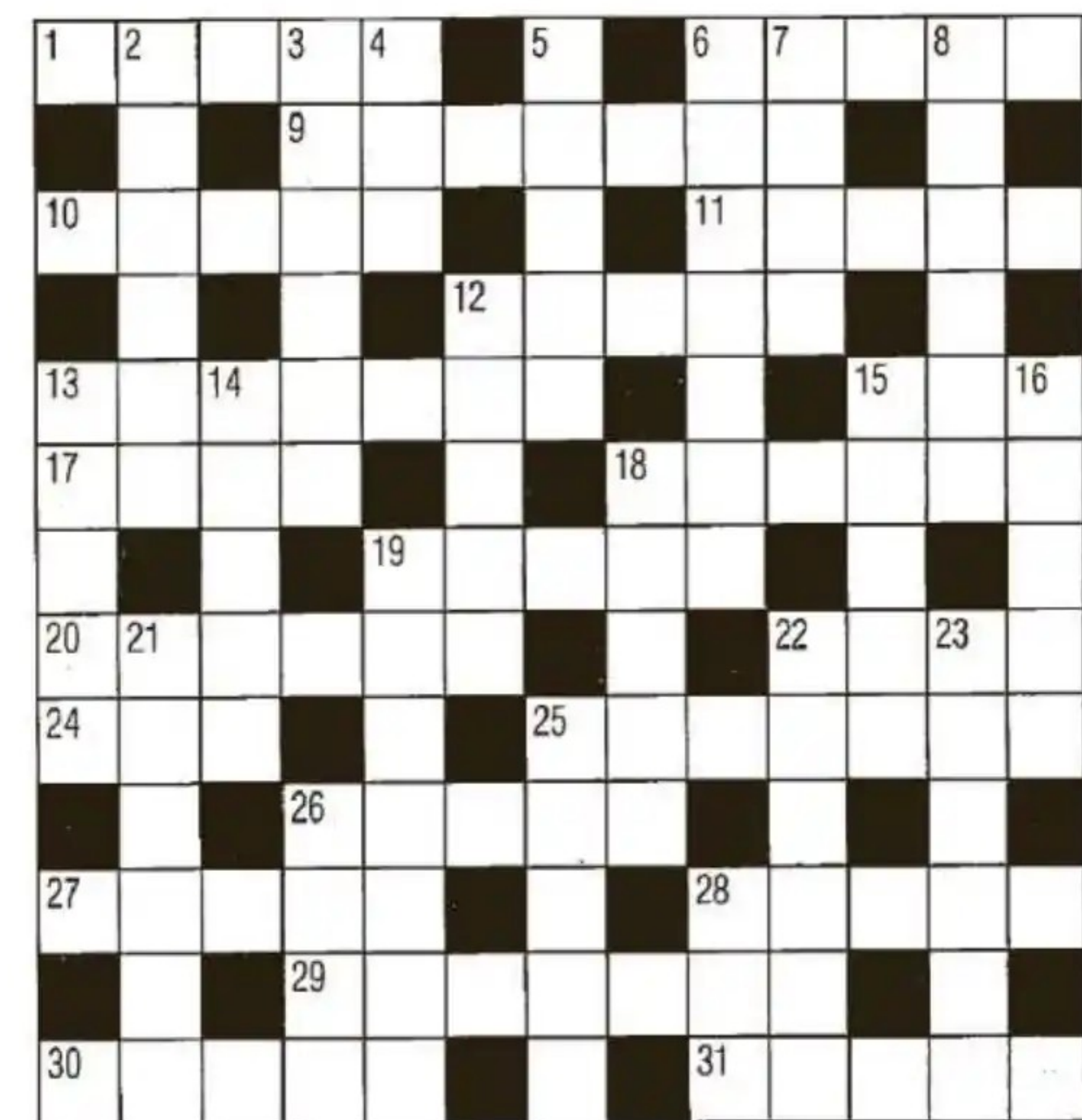
Beetle Bailey



Marvin



CROSSWORD CHALLENGE 12252



- ACROSS**
- Of the kidneys (5)
 - Breaks suddenly (5)
 - Place, locate (7)
 - Foremost (5)
 - Water jugs (5)
 - Tips up (5)
 - Stretchy (7)
 - Long scarf (3)
 - Superlative of good (4)
 - An instant (6)
 - Country (5)
 - View or glance (6)
 - Woman’s name (4)
 - Put on (3)
 - Revolves, spins (7)
 - Five-pound note (5)
 - Perfect (5)
 - Paved area (5)
 - Seek new members (7)
 - Ingrained dirt (5)
 - Requires (5)
- DOWN**
- Eatable (6)
 - Help (6)
 - Illuminated (3)
 - Military surcoat (5)
 - Cowboy hat (7)
 - Tidings (4)
 - Excuse, forgive (6)
 - Of tides (5)
 - Receded (5)
 - Pallid (5)
 - Brimless cap (5)
 - Book of maps (5)
 - Army officer (5)
 - Special anniversary (7)
 - Over there (6)
 - Cease to occupy (6)
 - Cause to remember (6)
 - Brings up (5)
 - Cultivate land (4)
 - Narrow brooch (3)

CRYPTIC

- ACROSS**
- Once wild Indian area? (5)
 - In one kind of race, finishing first means a lot (5)
 - Unreasonably decried a golden goal? (7)
 - Not a legwarmer! (5)
 - Quoted the wrong edict? (5)
 - A Mickey Mouse sort of pet, but heavenly! (5)
 - Women who want to go in three directions at once (7)
 - Stone often seen attached to strata (3)
 - Sacred area? (4)
 - A drama rewritten in history (6)
 - Creatures going north to the wild west (5)
 - Scrounger, a bit of a fidget in the car (6)
 - Cold woman at a loose end (4)
 - He’s round the bend, but is colourful! (3)
 - What you want to be on a waiting list? (7)
 - An import brought back from Ragusa (5)
 - To the Italian, a youngster is only a learner (5)
 - Diana’s new Irishman (5)
 - In withering aspersions, they’re also called fags (7)
 - Is Sharon, for instance, a saintly one? (5)
 - Reproach for being chicken hearted with a thick skin (5)
- DOWN**
- Team in firm rivalry with Rangers (6)
 - Mostly gripping information? (6)
 - French born (3)
 - Documents in two ways bad (5)
 - Special escorts for certain zones (7)
 - A composed little group (4)
 - Prepared to swallow (6)
 - He’s safe (5)
 - Keep an eye on the time (5)
 - Tread carelessly in business (5)
 - It’s presumably a good fit on a house (5)
 - Artist who rose at ten AM (5)
 - It’s essentially fragrant (5)
 - In space, they’re unable to disintegrate at the end of time (7)
 - Impressive once a year? (6)
 - The shin, if broken, can mean the end (6)
 - Possibly now a way ahead (6)
 - Soft and mushy in a fatherly way? (5)
 - Put your name down to sing, perhaps (4)
 - The curve where the car crashed (3)

SOLUTIONS TO CROSSWORD 12251

- CRYPTIC**
- ACROSS:** 3, Crypt(ic) 8, Cable 10, Outer 11, Ted 12, S-N-ort 13, Pa-trick 15, To-pic 18, Ore 19, Ce-rise 21, Spen-der 22, Note 23, Doll 24, Protein 26, F-rid-ay 29, A-RM 31, Finer 32, Diamond 34, G-ami-n 35, Ere 36, Plead 37, Urban 38, Sever.
- DOWN:** 1, Fatal 2, Ol-d rop-e 4, Rink 5, Porter 6, Tutor 7, Nevis 9, Bet 12, Scene-ry 14, Ire 16, Piton 17, Cell-O 19, Certain 20, Snuf-f 21, Stain 23, Dimmers 24, Parade 25, Era 27, Rifle 28, D-egas 30, Sneak 32, Di-me 33, Orb.

Hagar The Horrible



Peanuts



◆ SU-DO-KU-6708 ◆

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very hard

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4	6	9	7	8	5	3	2	1
5	2	8	3	4	6	7	1	9
1	9	4	5	7	2	8	3	6
3	7	6	8	9	1	5	4	2
9	3	1	6	5	7	2	8	4
7	8	2	4	1	3	9	6	5
6	4	5	9	2	8	1	7	3

SOLUTION TO 6707

To solve the puzzle: To solve a su-do-ku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows, and in each of the nine boxes.

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E	A	E	L	P	S	S
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PAR SCORE 145-155
by JUDD

FIVE RACK TOTAL
TIME LIMIT: 25 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. “Blanks” used as any letter have no point value. All Judd’s words are in the Collins English Dictionary. JUDD’S SOLUTION TOMORROW

C	E	N	T	N	E	R
E	V	I	L	L	Y	
F	O	O	T	E	R	S
Q	U	I	F	F		

PAR SCORE 120-130

JUDD’S TOTAL

JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

NUHBC

VCILI

MKIYPS

GSNIRP

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Yesterday’s

Jumbles: OPERA HUMOR CLERGY DOLLAR

Answer: The new bartender got to know customers by establishing a — GOOD “RE-POUR”

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Not my show, my playlist. I’m going to play some u2 next!

Play “Free Bird”!

THE MUSICIAN’S FAVORITE PART OF BEING A SOLO GUITARIST WAS THAT HE GOT TO ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

HITORI-3162

7	7	2	8	6	1	2	3
7	5	1	2	5	3	6	7
6	3	7	5	8	7	7	2
7	1	6	4	7	4	7	8
8	2	7	1	5	8	3	5
7	4	8	6	7	7	5	1
5	8	7	7	3	6	7	4
7	6	7	4	7	2	8	5

SOLUTION TO 3161

2	8	6	7	5	4
4	7	3	1	6	8
2	4	3	6	1	5
8	7	5	4	3	6
7	3	6	1	5	8
6	1	2	8	7	
5	4	3	1	7	2
3	1	4	5	8	6

To solve the puzzle: Eliminate numbers by filling in squares so that remaining cells in that row or column do not repeat that number more than once. Filled-in cells cannot be horizontally or vertically adjacent. The un-filled cells must form a single component connected horizontally and vertically.

KAKURO- 3162

19	36	23	16	15	15	7	15	9
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9			12		17		9	23
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SOLUTION TO 3161

23	34	12	14	13	20	16
6	1	4	9	3	14	5
8	7	1	2	5	1	8
9	8	2	6		6	7
3	1		18	9	1	11
16	9	7	6	8	7	1
7	2	1	6	2	1	8
9	4	6	8	7	2	6
	2	9		14	4	7
14	6	3	12	11	2	1
18	6	2	4	8	9	7
	4	2	1	9	4	1

To solve the puzzle: Put a number from 1 through 9 in a cell. No zeros. A number in a cell separated by diagonal line tells the sum of numbers in consecutive cells at its right or downward. No number may appear more than once in consecutive cells.

SU DO KU X - 3685

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			2		4		7
	3			8	9	2	
		3					9
9		5					
	8	1			2		
			3	4	5		
6				9			

SOLUTION TO 3684

6	7	4	9	5	2	8	1	3
2	3	1	8	6	4	7	5	9
8	5	9	1	7	3	6	4	2
5	1	2	7	3	9	4	6	8
4	8	3	2	1	6	5	9	7
9	6	7	4	8	5	3	2	1
3	4	8	6	9	1	2	7	5
1	2	5	3	4	7	9	8	6
7	9	6	5	2	8	1	3	4

To solve the puzzle: The objective is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column, each 3x3 box and each shaded diagonal line contains the same number only once.

Royal Baron
takes home the
Equinox Cup

CHENNAI RESULTS
Royal Baron, from the stables of B Suresh and ridden by Ramnandan, won the Equinox Cup, the feature event of the Madras races on Monday.
1. Track Lightning Handicap - 1200M: Aviothic (Jiby Joy) N Darshan 1; Royal Exemplar (Farid Ansari) 2; Forest Lake (Koshi Kumar) 3; Clean Slate (Mukesh Kumar) 4; Wb: 2-1/4, 1-3/4L. Lnk: T: 1-17.88. TB: Sebastian. Fav: Aviothic.
2. Evernsky Handicap - 1200M: Crown Angel (MAM Ramaswamy Charitable Trust) Shah Alam 1; Aquila (Manish) 2; Royal Tapestry (N Darshan) 3; Our Asset (Hindu Singh) 4; Wb: Shd, 1-1/4, 7L. T: 1:18.24. TB: B Suresh. Fav: Crown Angel.
3. Manitou Handicap - 1200M: Enchanting (Ram Shroff) AS Peter 1; Basilus (MS Deorai) 2; Hero Worship (Inayat) 3; Bohemian Star (Farid Ansari) 4; Wb: 3-1/4, 4, 4-3/4L. Hd. T: 1-17.45. TB: Deepesh Narredu. Fav: Enchanting.
4. Equinox Cup - 1200M: Royal Baron (MAM Ramaswamy Charitable Trust) Ramnandan 1; Cynosure (Farid Ansari) 2; Groovin (Shyam Kumar) 3; Red Falcon (Umesh) 4; Wb: 1/2, 1-1/4, 1L. T: 1:15.78. TB: B Suresh. Fav: Diamond And Pearls.
5. Squanderer Handicap - 1600M: Golden Warrior (Kaliya Perumal) AS Peter 1; Loch Lomond (Farid Ansari) 2; Kings Battalion (Umesh) 3; Kings Walk (Koshi Kumar) 4; Not Run: Sonic Dash. Wb: 3, 7-1/4, 1-1/4L. T: 1:42.09. TB: Deepesh Narredu. Fav: Golden Warrior.
6. Own Opinion Handicap - 1200M: Gold Fame (Muthiah) Shah Alam 1; Aurora Borealis (Farid Ansari) 2; Santamarina Star (A.S.Peter) 3; Off Shore Breeze Can (Inayat) 4; Wb: Hd, 4-1/4, 2L. T: 1:16.01. TB: Ramanathan. Fav: Off Shore Breeze.
Bengaluru dividends:
I race: Rs 14w; 10, 23p; Fc: Rs 71; Q: Rs 51; Shp: Rs 31; Thp: Rs 26; Trl: Rs 45 & 54; Ex: Rs 151 & 48.
II race: Rs 18w; Rs 15, 25p; Fc: Rs 173; Q: Rs 83; Shp: Rs 44; Thp: Rs 38; Trl: Rs 417 & 91; Ex: Rs 576 & 411.
III race: Rs 18w; 11, 23p; Fc: Rs 77; Q: Rs 53; Shp: Rs 42; Thp: Rs 37; Trl: Rs 109 & 18; Ex: Rs 221 & 169.
IV race: Rs 632w; 7, 19, 89p; Fc: Rs 4,684; Q: Rs 2,210; Shp: Rs 53; Thp: Rs 190; Trl: Rs 25,056; Ex: Rs 20,446 (c/o).
V race: Rs 22w; 16, 15, 10p; Fc: Rs 64; Q: Rs 29; Shp: Rs 31; Thp: Rs 36; Trl: Rs 280 & 112; Ex: Rs 213 & 66.
VI race: Rs 66w; 12, 15, 19p; Fc: Rs 585; Q: Rs 158; Shp: Rs 30; Thp: Rs 46; Trl: Rs 15,861 & 6,797; Ex: Rs 16,955 & 3,633.
Jackpot: Rs 20,835 (7).
Runner-up: Rs 1,157 (54).
Treble: Rs 3,363 (c/o).

FOOTBALL LA LIGA

Barcelona blow apart Getafe

Mallorca hold Atletico after Alvarez penalty miss

BARCELONA, AFP

Ferran Torres struck twice for champions Barcelona as they beat Getafe 3-0 on Sunday to stay on Real Madrid's tails at the top of La Liga.

Dani Olmo was also on target for the Catalans, who trail leaders Madrid by two points after Xabi Alonso's side beat Espanyol on Saturday to maintain their 100 percent record.

Atletico Madrid's stuttering start to the season continued in a 1-1 draw at Mallorca, in which their striker Julian Alvarez missed a penalty.

Playing at the 6,000 capacity Johan Cruyff stadium besides their training ground again as the club waits for the necessary licences to reopen their renovated Camp Nou home, Barcelona dominated an unambitious Getafe team.

Despite his brace against Newcastle in the Champions League, German coach Hansi Flick left Marcus Rashford on the bench, with Spanish media reporting that it was because the England international was late for a morning meeting.

Flick has dropped other players from the line-up for the same offence in the past, including defender Jules Kounde.

“(Rotation) is normal because every three or four days we have a match,” said Flick, when asked why Rashford did not start.

Rashford's replacement as the stand-in for injured teenage superstar Lamine Yamal, Torres, took his chance with both hands.

The Spaniard opened the scoring with a powerful finish at the end of a slick move, with Olmo backheeling the ball into his path in the box.

Torres's second finish was even better, guided into the bottom left corner from outside the box after Raphinha sent him through on goal.

The forward crashed a shot off the bar as a first half hat-trick beckoned.

Several Barca players lost their temper before the break as Getafe put in several hard and late tackles, with Kounde the victim of many of them.

Flick sent on Rashford for Raphinha at half-time, perhaps in order to save the Brazilian from a potential red card.

Rashford created Barcelona's third, zipping inside from the right flank and unselfishly cutting the ball back for Olmo



Ferran Torres scored a brace in Barcelona's comfortable 3-0 victory over Getafe. REUTERS

to finish, and had two efforts of his own saved by Getafe goalkeeper David Soria.

The only bad news for Barca was substitute Fermin Lopez appearing to pull up hurt in stoppage time.

deduced to 10 men after Alexander Sorloth's red card, took the lead through Connor Gallagher but Vedat Muriqi levelled in the 85th minute.

The draw left Atletico 12th, having won just one of their first five league matches.

The draw leaves Atletico nine points behind leaders Real Madrid, and seven behind Barcelona.

Licking their wounds after a

painful late Champions League defeat at Liverpool in midweek, Atletico were left with a similar feeling.

Mallorca goalkeeper Leo Roman made several saves, including from Alvarez's penalty after captain Antonio Raulo handled David Hanco's shot in the first half.

Results: Barcelona: 3 (Torres 15th, 34th, Olmo 63th) bt Getafe: 0; Mallorca: 1 (Muriqi 85th) drew with Atletico Madrid: 1 (Gallagher 79th).

Get Lucky wins Noble Quest Plate

HYDERABAD RESULTS
Get Lucky, from the stables of Saathesh and ridden by Ekram Alam, won the Noble Quest Plate, the feature event of the Hyderabad races on Monday.
1. Shiv Kumar Lal Memorial Cup (Div II) - 1100M: Shoolin (Rohit Gupta) B Nikhil 1; Her Ladyship (Mukesh Kumar) 2; Dream To Fly (Naresht) 3; Hawk Wing (HM Akshay) 4; Wb: 1-1/4, 1/2, 3-3/4L. T: 1:07.86. TB: Magan Singh. Fav: Her Ladyship.
2. Nalagonda Plate - 1200M: Emerald Touch (Shyam Sunder) Ashhad Asbar 1; State Man (Mukesh Kumar) 2; Foxy Girl (HM Akshay) 3; Divine Faith (Akshay Kumar) 4; Wb: 1-1/2, 7-1/4, 7-1/2L. T: 1:13.17. TB: Nilesh Rawal. Fav: Emerald Touch.
3. G Sudhakar Reddy Memorial Trophy - 1600M: Sunny Day (Suresh Chintamaneni) Ajeeth Kumar 1; Elegant Lady (Rafique SK) 2; Lego (Ashhad Asbar) 3; Silver Arrow (Sai Kumar) 4; Wb: 2-1/4, 3-1/2, 2L. T: 1:41.93. TB: Ananth Vatsalya. Fav: Lego.
4. Shiv Kumar Lal Memorial Cup (Div I) - 1100M: NRI High Power (Ravinder Reddy) Mukesh Kumar 1; Only The Brave (Sai Kumar) 2; Mexican Wave (Abhay Singh) 3; Clarity (Ajay Kumar) 4; Wb: 2-5/4, 7L. T: 1:07.29. TB: D Netto. Fav: NRI High Power.
5. Noble Quest Plate - 1800M: Get Lucky (Akh Muthiah) Ekram Alam 1; Aki-de (Nashat Singh) 2; NRI Superpower (HM Akshay) 3; Livemore (Mukesh Kumar) 4; Wb: 1-1/4, 1/2, 3-3/4L. T: 1:53.74. TB: Saathesh. Fav: Get Lucky.
6. Taj Mahal Plate - 1100M: Suryavanshi (Srinivas Rao) Surya Prakash 1; Ek (Afroz Khan) 2; Cypress (Kuldeep Singh) 3; Smart Operator (Ashhad Asbar) 4; Not Run: Kitsune. Wb: Dist. Nk. Shd. T: 1:07.42. TB: Mr Ali Khan. Fav: Smart Operator.
Bengaluru dividends:
I race: Rs 128w; 21, 10, 13p; Fc: Rs 512; Q: Rs 185; Shp: Rs 27; Thp: Rs 31; Trl: Rs 1,274 & 657; Ex: Rs 7,922 & 2,425.
II race: Rs 13w; Rs 10, 11, 13p; Fc: Rs 27; Q: Rs 25; Shp: Rs 20; Thp: Rs 26; Trl: Rs 79 & 92; Ex: Rs 93 & 29.
III race: Rs 25w; 12, 13, 11p; Fc: Rs 103; Q: Rs 41; Shp: Rs 34; Thp: Rs 39; Trl: Rs 128 & 34; Ex: Rs 1,053 & 999.
IV race: Rs 12w; 10, 17, 15p; Fc: Rs 91; Q: Rs 71; Shp: Rs 55; Thp: Rs 31; Trl: Rs 167 & 88; Ex: Rs 1,125 & 993.
V race: Rs 17w; 10, 20, 13p; Fc: Rs 250; Q: Rs 171; Shp: Rs 74; Thp: Rs 25; Trl: Rs 384 & 103; Ex: Rs 680 & 266.
VI race: Rs 25w; 14, 33, 14p; Fc: Rs 315; Q: Rs 266; Shp: Rs 76; Thp: Rs 56; Trl: Rs 1,355 & 709; Ex: Rs 2,196 & 941.
Jackpot: Rs 1,281 (41).
Runner-up: Rs 47 (1652).
Treble: Rs 2,218 (1).
II treble: Rs 306 (45).



HS Prannoy

Prannoy, Ayush lead Indian charge

SUWON, PTI

Still searching for consistency this season, HS Prannoy will headline India's challenge alongside rising star Ayush Shetty at the USD 475,000 Korea Open Super 500 badminton tournament beginning here on Tuesday.

With two successive finals at the Hong Kong and China Masters, Satwiksairaj Rankireddy

and Chirag Shetty have revived India's season but will skip this week's event, leaving the focus on Prannoy and Ayush to carry the tricolour.

Prannoy, a 2023 World Championships bronze medallist, has endured a string of early exits this season but has stretched top opponents, with most matches going the distance.

Wins over China's Lu Guang Zu and narrow defeats to Lak-

shya Sen and Anders Antonsen underline his ability to still push the best in the business.

The 33-year-old opens against a qualifier and is likely to run into veteran Chou Tien Chen of Chinese Taipei in the second round.

Ayush, meanwhile, remains the only Indian to win a BWF title this season, clinching the US Open crown. The 22-year-old from Mangalore has since

grown in stature with wins over Japan's Kodai Naraoka, Chou Tien Chen, Canada's Brian Yang, India's Kidambi Srikanth, former world champion Loh Kean Yew and Denmark's Rasmus Gemke.

He will begin against Su Li Yang of Chinese Taipei. Kiran George also features in the men's singles draw and faces a stiff opener against Singapore's fifth seed Loh Kean Yew.



From left: Alex de Minaur, Reilly Opelka, captain Andre Agassi, Jenson Brooksby, Taylor Fritz, Alex Michelsen, Joao Fonseca, Francisco Cerundolo and Patrick Rafter celebrate with the Laver Cup trophy. REUTERS

Bolt to visit India for football match on October 1

MUMBAI, PTI: Sprint legend Usain Bolt will trade his running spikes for football boots as he is set to visit India for a unique exhibition match here on October 1.

Bolt, one of the greatest athletes of all time with eight Olympic gold medals to his credit, will light up the pitch in an exclusive football showcase alongside footballers, Bollywood personalities and other prominent figures.

Bolt will represent both Bengaluru FC and Mumbai City FC, playing one half each bringing fans from both camps together in PUMA's two-day celebration, starting September 30.

This exhibition match will be a ticketed event.

“We believe sport has the power to inspire and unite communities.

“Football is one of the most popular sports among the youth of India, and bringing Usain Bolt to play here is our way of celebrating that momentum,” PUMA India MD Karthik Balagopalan said.

Beyond the track, Bolt has



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always carried a deep passion for football.

Growing up, he often played the sport and dreamt of showcasing his speed and skills on the pitch.

After retiring from athletics, he actively pursued this love, training, playing trial matches, and even scoring goals along the way.

Aman's weight mishap prompts WFI notice

NEW DELHI, PTI: The Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) on Monday issued a show-cause notice to Paris Olympics bronze medallist Aman Sehrawat for failing to make weight at the World Championships.

Aman was one of the strong medal contenders in the men's freestyle 57kg but weighed 1.7kg more the permissible limit on the day of competition, leading to his disqualification. The WFI also did not appreciate the fact that there were four coaches in Zagreb but they could not keep track of the weight management, and showcaused them also.

“This is not acceptable. We must find reasons behind it. In less than two months, two of our good wrestlers got disqualified; we need to look into it, that's why we have issued a show-cause notice to Aman,” said a WFI official.

Chief coach Jagminder Singh, Vinod, Virender and Narender, who were with the wrestlers, will also have to provide an explanation.

Ashwa Tokyo for feature

DELHI SELECTIONS
Ashwa Tokyo, trained by S Nawab and to be ridden by Mohd Talib, appeals most in the small field of six runners in the fray for the Nandan Plate, the feature event of the opening day of the Delhi races on Tuesday.

The first race starts at 2:45 pm.

1. All The Best Plate - 1000M: Real Stuff 1; Stylis (Sai) 2; Real Boss 3.

2. Nandan Plate - 1000M: Ashwa Tokyo 1; Angel In My Heart 2; Wonderful Lady 3.

3. Hanging Out Plate - 1000M: Beejay 1; Tripurari 1; Danny's Girl.

4. Great Expectation Plate (Div I) - 1200M: Ashwa Jimbabe 1; Heer 2, . Senor 3.

5. Great Expectation Plate (Div II) - 1200M: Personal 1; Ashwa Changez 2; Havana Sky 3.

6. Metropolitan Plate - 1200M: Ashwa Sultan 1; Sir Mor 2; Alex 3.

Day's best: Real Stuff.

Jackpot: 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6.

Treble: 4, 5 & 6.

Agniputhra crush BBFC

BENGALURU, DHNS

Defending champions FC Agniputhra registered a comprehensive 4-0 victory over Bharat Bengaluru FC in Monday's KSFA Super Division League Championship at Bengaluru Football Stadium.

Aaryan Amla opened the scoring in the fifth minute, followed by Azfar Noorani in the 35th and Ahamed Faiz Khan in the 37th to give Agniputhra a commanding lead.

Unise K added the final goal in the 89th minute, sealing a dominant performance.

In the other game, United Stars FC edged MEG & Centre



MEG and Centre FC's Pravesh Bisht (right) tackles United Stars' Thounaojam Thomas Singh during the KSFA Super Division League Championship at the BFS. DH PHOTO/ PUSHKAR V

FC 2-1, with Rajil Saji striking

in the 58th minute and D'Mark Anthony netting in the 86th. Rohith Soman had pulled one back for MEG in the 51st minute.

The only draw of the day came between Parikrma FC and Bengaluru FC B, finishing 1-1. Chaphamayum Rohen Singh gave BFC Ban early lead in the fifth minute, but Manglenhang Sing Sit equalised for Parikrma in the 22nd minute, ensuring both teams shared the points.

Results: FC Agniputhra: 4 (Aaryan Amla 5th, Azfar Noorani 35th, Ahamed Faiz Khan 37th, Unise K 89th) bt Bharat Bengaluru FC: 0; United Stars FC: 2 (Rajil Saji 58th, D'Mark Anthony 86th) bt MEG & Centre FC: 1 (Rohith Soman 51st); Parikrma FC: 1 (Manglenhang Sing Sit 22nd) drew with BFC: 1 (Chaphamayum Rohen Singh 5th).

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No: CEE/Tr(O)/ZHSN/SEE (O)/AEE-3/F-L31&33/2025-26/7722-25 Date: 20.09.2025

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Mode Only)

KPTCL invites bids for the following works against **Tender No.: KPTCL/2025-26/SE2293**

Combined package of **1. Work A:** Conducting detailed survey for replacement of existing Drake conductor by equivalent HPC in 220 kV Shivamogga-Chikkamagaluru-Hassan-Shantigrama DC line (M1 & M2) in Hassan Zone limits (from Shivamogga to Shantigrama) using modern survey techniques.

2. Work B: Conducting detailed survey for replacement of existing Coyote conductor by HTLS conductor in 66kV Mugulavalli-Balehonnur DC line upto 66kV Jenugadde sub-station (DC line from 220kV Mugulavalli sub-station to 66kV Aldur & 66kV Jenugadde sub-stations) using modern survey techniques.

The detailed notification regarding subject enquiry in the E-Tendering process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website: <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> on or after **22.09.2025**. Other details can be obtained from the office of undersigned

Sd/- Chief Engineer (Elec.), Transmission (Operations)
Zone KPCTCL, 3rd Floor, Prasaraana Bhavana, Santhepete, B.M. Road, Hassan- 573201

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
UDUPI URBAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Udupi Malpe Main Road, UDUPI Pin: 576103
Telephone: 9448233366

Ref No: UUDA/TA/E/2025-26 Date: 18.09.2025

E-Auction Document
(E-Auction Notification, Eligibility criteria and Terms and Conditions)

E-AUCTION FOR INVESTMENT OF SURPLUS FUNDS (Private Sector Scheduled Commercial Bank) THROUGH E-PORTAL OF GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
SCHEDULE OF VARIOUS EVENTS FOR e-AUCTION

Particulars: (1) Date of e-Auction Notification: 18-09-2025. (2) Last Date to upload the Eligibility Criteria in Annexure- A & Declaration in Annexure-B in the e-portal: **09.10.2025 on or before 16.00 Hrs.** (3) Live Bidding Commences at **11.00 Hrs. & Concludes at 16.00 Hrs. on 18.10.2025**

Brief Bid Notification: Udupi Urban Development Authority invites/offers quotes from the eligible Private Sector Scheduled Commercial Bank saving Branches at Udupi City for investment by way of deposit of available funds out of its Funds. The Eligibility Criteria for participation for the Bid are given at Annexure - A. The declaration to be uploaded in the e-Portal is given at Annexure- B. The uploading of this document is mandatory for participating in the bid. The details of the e-Auction can be downloaded from the e-portal of the Government of Karnataka at the address below:
<http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in>

The brief bid notification, the pre-qualifying criteria for the bidders, schedule of bid events and other details can be accessed from the e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka. The deposits proposed for e-Auction as detailed below:

Name of the revolving fund: Private Sector Scheduled Commercial Bank, Amount Available: **Rs. 25.00 crores**, Period of Investment: **12 Months to 15 Months**, Date of e-Auction Notification: **18-09-2025**
Date and Time of Live Auction: **11.00 Hrs to 16.00 Hrs on 18.10.2025**

Sd/- Commissioner
Urban Development Authority, Udupi

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(An Autonomous Institute of Government of Karnataka)
SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE MEDICAL COLLEGE & RESEARCH INSTITUTE, BENGALURU

No.SABVMCR/IE-TENDER/AWS/09/2025-26 Dated: 22.09.2025

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

e-tenders is invited from interested eligible firms in accordance with KTPP act 1999 and 2000 act for notification of Tender for Supply and Installation of Advance Anesthesia Works Station for Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Medical College & Research Institute, Bengaluru.

1) Date of Commencement of Download of Tender Document from eProcurement website <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/> from 18.09.2025
2) Date of Online Queries: 25.09.2025 upto 5:30 pm. 3) Pre-Bid Meeting: 26.09.2025 @ 11:30 am. 4) Last Date and Time for uploading of e-tender in e-procurement portal: 17.10.2025 upto 5:30 pm. 5) Date and Time of Online Opening of Technical Bids (Single Cover System): 21.10.2025 at 10:30 am.

For more details pertaining this tender, contact the Director and Dean / Assistant Administrator of the Institute during Office Hours.

Sd/- Director Cum Dean,
Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Medical College & Research Institute,
Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/2926/CCL/2025-26

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No: 506/BGM/SEE/Tr(Project)/C/AEE/C/25-26/2336-43 Dated: 20.09.2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through Karnataka public procurement portal only)

KPTCL invites bids for **Capital Civil works coming under the jurisdiction of Superintending Engineer (Elec), Tr. (Projects) Circle, KPTCL, Belagavi.**

The detailed notifications regarding the above Civil Engineering works enquiry in the kpp portal process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website <https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in> with hyper Link '**E Procurement KPTCL**' or to <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> in on or after **5:30 Hrs on 23.09.2025**. Other details can be obtained from this office during the office hours.

Sd/-, Superintending Engineer (Ele),
Tr. (Projects) Circle, KPTCL, Nehrunagar, Belagavi - 590 010.

CITY CORPORATION BELAGAVI

C.T.S. No. 4821/26, 4821/27, R.S. No. 1005, Subhasha Nagara, Belagavi, Ph. : 0831-2405304, E-mail : itstaff_ulb_belgaum@yahoo.com, Website : www.belgaumcity.mrc.gov.in

No. : C.C.B./P.W.D./E./E./S.W.M./TND/K.P.P./2025-26 Date : 22-09-2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Karnataka Public Procurement Portal)

The Commissioner, City Corporation Belagavi invites tenders in accordance with KTPP Act 1999 Rules 2000 through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal for the **Works of Maintenance of City Corporation Belagavi Vehicles including Labour Charges.**

The Last Date for the Submission of Tender is : 29-09-2025

For more details visit Online Website : <https://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in>. Any Addendum / Corrigendum will be published in Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only.

Sd/- Commissioner,
City Corporation Belagavi.

DIPIR/Belagavi/1071/Manipal/2025-26

Divya handed wild card for FIDE WC

NEW DELHI, PTI: Teen-aged Grandmaster Divya Deshmukh has been awarded a wild card for the FIDE World Cup 2025, to be held in Goa from October 31 to November 27, following a last-minute withdrawal of one of the participants.

The 19-year-old GM from Nagpur, who recently competed at the FIDE Grand Swiss, will now join 20 other Indians in the single-elimination event which will be spearheaded by reigning world champion D Gukesh.



Divya D

FIDE said Deshmukh's entry came after a "last-minute cancellation of one of the participants, with Ju Wenjun and Hou Yifan having earlier declined the invitation."

The biennial World Cup features 206 of the world's best players battling in a knockout format of mini-matches over three weeks. The top three finishers will qualify for the 2026 Candidates' Tournament, which decides the challenger for the world title.

IN BRIEF

Bluru's Keerthi strikes gold

► Bengaluru's Keerthi MS, a 15-year-old Class 10 student, won the gold medal at the CBSE National Taekwondo Championship held at Amneev Vision School, Etawah (UP), reports DHNS.

Keerthi, who trains at Vidya Sanskaar, was the only participant from Karnataka representing the CBSE Board at the event.

Rohit to lead India colts

► Defender Rohit will lead India in the Sultan of Johor Cup in Malaysia from October 11, aiming to better the junior team's bronze-winning show in the previous edition of the event, reports PTI from New Delhi

The tournament, which will conclude on October 18, will be an opportunity for India to prepare for the Junior World Cup to be held in Chennai and Madurai from Nov 28-Dec 10.

Rahul turns co-owner

► Indian cricketer KL Rahul has become the co-owner of the Goa Guardians franchise ahead of the fourth season of the Prime Volleyball League to be held from October 2 to 26 in Hyderabad, reports PTI from Panaji.

Eldhose has surgery

► 2022 CWG champion Eldhose Paul underwent knee surgery successfully in Doha last week, reports DHNS.

This was the third surgery this year for the triple jumper, who earlier had two failed operations at a hospital in Bengaluru for bipartite patella.

India colts edge past Pak 3-2

► India maintained their stranglehold over arch-foes Pakistan across sports as the country's football team notched a 3-2 victory in a highly-charged SAFF U17 Championship match on Monday, in which losing team member Muhammad Abdullah's controversial celebration attracted attention, reports PTI from Colombo.

ON TV

CRICKET
Asia Cup (Super 4s): Sri Lanka vs Pakistan (8 pm). **LIVE on Sony Ten 1, Sony Liv.**

CRICKET ASIA CUP

India-Pakistan, no longer a rivalry

Men In Blue have raced miles ahead of their neighbours over the last decade

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Rivalry – A situation in which people, businesses, etc. compete with each other for the same thing.

That's the Cambridge Dictionary definition, suggesting that a rivalry is a competition among equals, a fierce contest for the same prize.

Those in the upper echelons have been saying it in whispers, many have been screaming from the rooftops that the social media space is, but the primary stakeholders have been skirting the issue. Until now, that is.

Suryakumar Yadav, India's Twenty20 International captain, has ripped the veil off the pretence, lending legitimacy to the widely held conviction that India vs Pakistan is no longer a rivalry for the ages. As rivalries go, it's a has-been; it's what used to be, not what is.

Consider the most basic of facts. Since the T20 World Cup showdown in Melbourne in October 2022, India hold a perfect 7-0 record against their neighbours in limited-overs internationals – four convincing wins in T20s, three commanding triumphs in 50-over showdowns. India are the reigning T20 World Cup champions and No. 1 in the format, they made it to the final of the 50-over World Cup at home in 2023 and are the top dogs in ODIs too, and are the holders of the Champions Trophy. In the last three ICC white-ball events, they have lost one match, going through two title runs with an all-win record.

Pakistan didn't advance to the knockouts of any of these three tournaments; they are ranked fifth in ODIs, two places lower in 20-over cricket.

They have gone through captains and coaches faster than movie stars do clothes in a song sequence. They are a jalousy in the high-octane stratum of Formula One cars, spectacularly failing to match bravado and bluster with on-field performances.

Rivalries often have a seminal moment. As far as India and Pakistan are concerned, that came off the last ball of the final of the Austral-Asia Cup in April 1986 in Sharjah, when Javed Miandad slammed Chetan Sharma for the most talked about six in the history of the game. India had won eight of 16 preceding ODIs, but for 16 years after the Miandad maximum, Pakistan were the unquestioned bosses, victorious in 44 of 68 head-to-heads (21 losses).

The balance of power has inexorably changed thereafter. From the 2003 World Cup onwards, India lead the ODI faceoffs 29-21, but if one takes January 7, 2013 as the reference point – strange date, yes, but the last bilateral international between the sides was on January 6 that year – it has been emphatic one-way traffic.

India have comprehensively been the superior, more dominant side, exemplified by records of 9-2 in 12 ODIs and 8-2 in 10 T20Is. Pakistani victories have assumed the hue of an upset, Indian wins predictable. Close contests have been too few and far between, the gulf in quality, smarts, common-sense, emotional equilibrium and game awareness gaping and unbridgeable in the immediate future.

Why is that so? Because Pakistan aren't throwing up the class of batters they once used to, but also because they

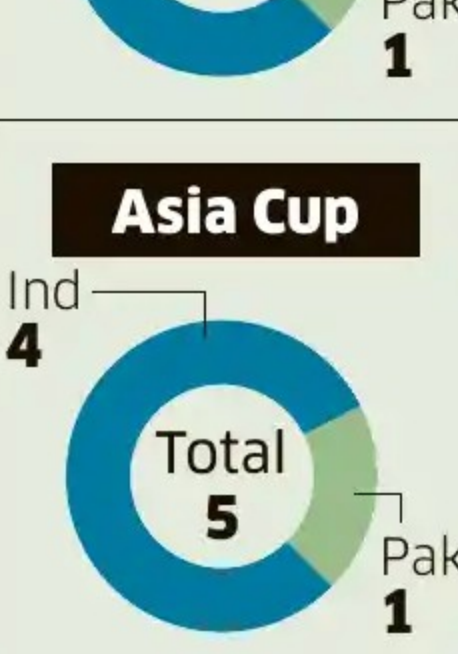


With another emphatic win over Pakistan on Sunday, India showed the world that the once-famed rivalry between the two nations has completely dissipated. PTI

DIMINISHING RIVALRY

In ODIs since January 7, 2013				
	Mats	Ind	Pak	N/R
ICC World Cup	3	3	0	0
ICC Champions Trophy	4	3	1	0
Asia Cup	5	3	1	1
Total	12	9	2	1

Overall head to head				
	Mats	Ind	Pak	N/R
ICC World Cup	8	8	0	0
ICC Champions Trophy	6	3	3	0
Asia Cup ODIs	15	8	5	2
ICC T20 World Cup	8	7	1	0
Asia Cup T20Is	5	4	1	0



Compiled by Arun Gopalakrishnan

have buried their heads in the sand, allowing the rest of the world to storm by while stubbornly sticking to the tried, tested and unsuccessful. India, themselves slow to change, have adapted to the demands of the modern game superbly, no doubt feeding off the global stage that the IPL is. The Indian system is robust, vibrant, structured, unlinked to the

chaos that permeates the system across the border. Hence the wide chasm that has driven past Pakistani masters like Wasim Akram and Waqar Younis, among others, to the throes of frustration, if not anger.

Suryakumar needs a pat for holding up a mirror to the truth. The once-storied rivalry doesn't exist. Perhaps, it never will again.

Farhan unapologetic for provocative celebration

DUBAI, PTI

Pakistan's opening batter Sahibzada Farhan said he doesn't "care about what people think" about the provocative gun-firing celebration he brought out during the Asia Cup match against India here.

India won the Super 4s match by six wickets to continue their stranglehold over the traditional rivals in multilateral tournaments, even as Farhan's gun-firing gesture in the air after reaching his half-century sparked a controversy.

"That celebration was just a moment at that time. I do not do a lot of celebrations after scoring 50. But, it suddenly came to my mind that let's do a celebration today. I did that. I don't know how people will take it. I don't care about that," Farhan told reporters after the match.

"And the rest, you know, you should play aggressive cricket wherever you play. It is not necessary that it is India. You should play aggressive cricket against every team, like we played today," he added.



Pakistan's Sahibzada Farhan celebrates his half-century with a gun-firing gesture during the Asia Cup 2025 Super Four match against India in Dubai on Sunday. PTI

Farhan scored 58 runs off 45 balls in the match, his innings helping Pakistan post 171/5 in 20 overs, but India completed the game in the penultimate over of their run chase after Abhishek Sharma and Shubman Gill's scintillating knocks on Sunday.

The 29-year-old Pakistani struck a six off Axar Patel in the 10th over to reach his fifty and then held his bat like a gun, firing shots in the air, an act that

was viewed as provocative by many on social media.

Farhan though admitted that his knock would have assumed significance if the side had ended on the right side of the result.

"If I had won this match, it would have been very important for me. And yes, performing against India, you know, people highly rate it. So, I think if we had won, it would have been very good," he said.

'Abhishek will blow cricketing world apart'

NEW DELHI, PTI: Abhishek Sharma's scintillating knock against Pakistan has left former players Ravichandran Ashwin and Kevin Pietersen awestruck, with the off-spinner declaring that the youngster would become "the best white-ball batter in limited-overs cricket for India."

"I want to tell you that this is not the arrival of Abhishek Sharma, this is just the beginning. He has just started, and he has a long future ahead. He is going to blow the cricketing world apart," Ashwin said on his YouTube channel.

He tipped the left-hander to carry forward his mentor Yuvraj Singh's legacy.

"Take that in writing. He has so much ability, just like how Yuvraj Singh became India's marquee white-ball cricketer. The best white-ball batter in limited-overs cricket for India. He can reach that level easily. I think he is going to carry Yuvraj's legacy forward. He is a phenomenal talent," the off-spinning great added.

Smarting SL, Pak face-off in a must-win game

ABU DHABI, PTI: Reeling from early setbacks in the Super 4s, both Sri Lanka and Pakistan will be desperate to register their first win in this critical stage of the Asia Cup when they lock horns here on Tuesday.

Defending champions Sri Lanka, who breezed through the group stage unbeaten, were jolted by a four-wicket loss to Bangladesh in their Super 4 opener. The defeat not only disrupted their rhythm but also snapped an impressive eight-match winning streak in the T20 Asia Cup.

On the other hand, off-field issues have dominated headlines around the Pakistan team, overshadowing their middling performances on the field. They are in disarray after suffering yet another humbling defeat at the hands of arch-rivals India on Sunday, their second loss to the 'Men in Blue' in this tournament.

India and Bangladesh have two points each with Suryakumar Yadav's men leading the standings owing to a superior net run rate. Sri Lanka and



Pathum Nissanka

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Pakistan occupy the third and fourth spots respectively.

With little time for recovery, Pakistan skipper Salman Agha and his side now face a must-win situation under mounting pressure.

Sri Lanka, despite their strong run, have their own set of issues to iron out. A fragile middle order remains a concern, though Dasun Shanaka's counterattacking knock at No. 5 against Bangladesh offered some respite. Pathum Nissanka, the standout performer with back-to-back fifties in the group stage, has hit a rough patch.



Robin Uthappa (right) arrives to appear before the Enforcement Directorate (ED) for questioning in a money laundering case. PTI

ED records statement of Uthappa

NEW DELHI, PTI: The Enforcement Directorate on Monday questioned former Indian cricketer Robin Uthappa for over eight hours and recorded his statement in a money laundering case linked to online betting app 1xBet, officials said.

Uthappa (39) reached the agency's office here around 11 am and left around 7:30 pm. The cricketer was questioned and his statement was recorded under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) in the case, the officials said.

The federal probe agency has questioned former cricketers Suresh Raina and Shikhar Dhawan apart from former TMC MP and actor Mimi Chakraborty and Bengali actor Ankush Hazra over the last few weeks as part of this investigation.

Former cricketer Yuvraj Singh and actor Sonu Sood have been summoned for Tuesday and Wednesday respectively by the ED in the same case.

The investigation into the operations of the 1xBet betting app is part of the ED's wider probe against such platforms on allegations of duping numerous people of crores of rupees and reportedly evading a huge amount of direct and indirect taxes.

Ganguly returns as CAB president

KOLKATA, PTI: Former India captain Sourav Ganguly on Monday returned as the president of Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB) after six years and picked out the boosting of Eden Gardens' capacity to one lakh and securing marquee fixtures during next year's T20 World Cup among his top priorities.

Ganguly was elected unopposed at the CAB's 94th annual general meeting here on Monday, marking his comeback to the state association after six years. He earlier served as CAB president from 2015 to 2019.

He also pledged to oversee a smooth return of Test cricket to Eden Gardens when India hosts world champions South Africa on November 14.

The 53-year-old, who previously served as BCCI president from 2019 to 2022, replaced his elder brother Snehasish Ganguly, who had to step down following the completion of a six-year tenure cap.

De Kock reverses ODI retirement

JOHANNESBURG, PTI: South Africa wicketkeeper batter Quinton de Kock on Monday reversed his decision to retire from ODIs and was named in the national white-ball squads for the upcoming Pakistan tour but skipper Temba Bavuma was ruled out of the Test series due to a calf strain.

The Proteas will begin their defence of the ICC World Test Championship Mace with a two-match series from October 12-24 in Lahore and Rawalpindi.

De Kock, who last played white-ball cricket in 2024 T20 World Cup against South Africa in Barbados, has also been included in the squad for the one-off T20I in Namibia.